January 2, 1945

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am mailing to you a copy of the Autumn number of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Quarterly with an article I did for them called "Work and Color".

It occurred to me that a copy of it would belong in Fisk's archives.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

January 7, 1945

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Department of Social Sciences
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This is to confirm my wire of December 26th about the St. Louis meeting February 12-16.

I shall be on hand February 13th and 14th.

I think it will be all right for the veterans's part of the Council budget to bear the expense of the trip.

When a program is available, even in rough form, I would appreciate a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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BUY
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TODAY

December 26, 1945

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Department of Social Sciences
Nashville 8, Tennessee

RE YOUR LETTER DECEMBER EIGHTEEN GLADLY ATTEND ST. LOUIS INSTITUTE FEBRUARY THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN.

George S. Mitchell

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

December 18, 1945

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

A Community Institute on Race Relations is being held in Saint Louis, Missouri, February 12, 13, 14 and 16, 1946. This institute is sponsored jointly by the Race Relations Department of the American Missionary Association and a group of local organizations including the Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, YWCA, YMCA, YM- and YWHA, Urban League, League of Women Voters, NAACP, and Jewish Community Relations Council.

Members of the planning committee are unanimous in requesting that you serve as a resource person and consultant on problems dealing with training and employment of Negro veterans. Thursday, February 14 will be given over to a discussion of race relations and the problem of earning a living. One of the sorest spots in the Saint Louis scene is the almost complete absence of provisions for the vocational training and on-the-job training for Negro veterans. For this reason one of the interest groups on this day is being given over to raising questions and proposing specific and concrete suggestions for action in this area. You would be expected to make a brief statement and, more important, to be prepared to help raise and answer these important questions.

It is hoped that, in light of the limited budget of the institute the Southern Regional Council can construe the Saint Louis Institute to be a regular part of your assignment. However, if this can not be arranged, we shall be happy to take care of your travel expenses.

This invitation has been unavoidably delayed for several days because of the recent illness and death of the mother of Mr. Lawrence, the member of our staff responsible for helping with state and local institutes. For this reason I am asking that you let us have your reply by "collect" telegram in order that we may notify the local committee.

I certainly hope that you can see your way clear to undertake this responsibility.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Tenn

July 7, 1945

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I would like very much to have your ideas on what we should do on the question of the Negro's war record. Do you have any plans in mind? What do you think of a pamphlet, largely in picture form, published jointly by the Southern Regional Council and the Southern Conference?

Are you going to be in Nashville any time soon? I would like to have a chance to talk to you about this project.

We would welcome your help in the distribution of the enclosed pamphlet, available at 10¢ each, $7.50 per 100, $75 a thousand.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Dombrowski

CC: Mr. Guy Johnson

Tenn

July 19, 1945

The Work Camp
1605 Meharry Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Folks:

I had a good time last night at supper and especially enjoyed the singing.

I would like to count this year's campers as friends for the future. Will somebody be good enough to send me each ones name and semi-permanent address?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

July 20, 1945

Modern Farmer
405 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Modern Farmer:

When I was at the Race Relations Institute yesterday I heard a remarkably fine talk be Jim Maddox abouth the Department of Agriculture's thinking on the farm program. I asked Jim if he would let it be printed in the Modern Farmer. He said: (a)It is too long. (b) I do not have it all in one place; it is excerpts from two or three manuscripts. I then asked him to have somebody in his outfit boil it down to four or five double-spaced typewritten pages and send it to you with Jim Maddox's name as author. His full name is James C. Maddox. I don't know his title, and I suggest that his title not be used.

I don't know when Jim is going to send it.

I have sent a copy of this letter to him.

If after you have waited a reasonable two weeks, he has not sent it, you might remind him to send it. His address is Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

You of course understand that I am not trying to suggest at all what should or should not be printed by the Modern Farmer. But it seems to me that Jim's speech is the sort of think Giles usually wants. If your editorial board turns it down, no hard feelings from me or from Jim.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSMsw

Chairman, RUFUS M. JONES

Telephone
RITTENHOUSE 9372

Executive Secretary, CLARENCE E. PICKETT

American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Nashville Work Camp
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee
July 25, 1945

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Friend:

The campers enjoyed hearing from you and were glad to know that you enjoyed the singing. We aren't so certain of the quality, but we do enjoy singing together.

I'm enclosing the list of permanent addresses which you requested. I feel sure that the campers will be interested in your work with the Southern Regional Council. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Brown

EMB:b
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Edward M. Brown
Director

Tenn

July 31, 1946

Modern Farmer
403 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Modern Farmer:

I wrote you the other day that I was asking Jim Maddox to get his Fisk University speech pared down for use by the Modern Farmer. Here is his speech pared down.

My suggestion would be that it be carried under an introductory line or two, saying that this is a summary of a talk at the "Institute of Race Relations, Fisk University, July 19."

For authors' name I would say "by James G. Maddox and Henry Jarrett." I am under the impression that the paper should not carry the administrative titles or the bureau connection of the authors.

I think the speech is good. If you print it, you should send printed copies to Maddox and Henry Jarrett, addressing each of them Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w
Encl.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

July 27, 1945

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Enclosed is the statement for the Modern Farmer which Henry Jarrett prepared on the southern conversion program. I am sending it to you instead of to the Modern Farmer direct, because I thought you might want to use it in your column. It's up to you from here on. Do what you please with it.

Sincerely,

Jim Maddox

James G. Maddox
Special Assistant to the Chief

Attachment

Tenn

August 1, 1945

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
Presbyterian Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Here is miscellaneous material that has collected here about Eastland's speech.

I am good for the five hundred I promised.

Let me know what you want done about payment. Installments better than lump sum, but lump sum could be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

August 13, 1945

Mr. J. H. Daves
Educational Relations Staff
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Daves:

It was as kind of you as could be to write me on August 10th about the new job.

I shall need your help, and you may expect me to come to see you to get it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 10, 1945

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your appointment to the staff of the Southern Regional Council is a wonderful tribute to the work you have been doing in the economic and social development of the South during the past few years. It is a tremendous job but that you will do it well stands without saying. The Southern Regional Council is to be congratulated in making such a wise choice. You have my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Daves

J. H. Daves, Specialist in
Negro Education and Relations
Training and Educational
Relations Staff

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE. N. E.
ATLANTA 3. GEORGIA

August 14, 1945

MEMORANDUM to: Ray Warwick
From: George S. Mitchell

What do you think we could do along this line with this?

George S. Mitchell

GSM:

Suggest we hold off on this until we see what the Southern Conference Job looks like. They may be using this material + we don't want to take the edge off of it. — This is good stuff, though, and much could be done with it.

RW—

Memo from IRA DeA. REID

to SSM 8.13.45

I have a hunch that this document will make a good pamphlet for local communities under such a subject as "There are your returning Negro Veterans!" Note that the contents may be used in whole or in part

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Jean

August 20, 1945

Dear George:

This is a belated reply to your letter of the first. Your material on Eastland's speech was helpful. The summary of our opinion poll, involving 250 Southern white editors, is complete, and will be released soon. (today AP-UP wire from NY)

I am not unmindful of the $500. We have had a person at work since your visit, running down the pictures and documentary material for the pamphlet. I will call upon you when we need some funds.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Dombrowski

JAD:nb

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Tenn

September 8, 1945

Dr. Giles Hubert
403 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

A good man to put on your subscription list free would be Mr. Don West, care Mrs. Mabb West, Ringgold, Georgia.

Don has been active in getting the Farmers Union going in northeast Georgia and has generally helped it. He is out of Georgia much of the time, but his contacts would help spread the paper some.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

September 11, 1945

The Modern Farmer
403 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

I shall very much appreciate your sending me three copies of the forthcoming issue of the Modern Farmer, which will contain the article I wrote, entitled "Two Wayz to Get Things Done".

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

September 11, 1945

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Congratulations on Volume 1-No. 1 of the Tennessee Union Farmer.

I think Giles Hubert's paper, the Modern Farmer, would want to reprint the Homer Crabtree story on the Franklin County potato market.

I have only one copy of Volume 1-No. 1, and I want to send it to the Pembroke local. Will you, therefore, send another copy of Volume 1-No. 1 to the Modern Farmer, together with a note saying that you send this at my request and that the Modern Farmer has your permission to reprint the Homer Crabtree story?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

September 11, 1945

The Modern Farmer
405 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Today I received from Homer Crabtree, Secretary of the Tennessee Organizing Committee, National Farmers Union, Decherd, Tennessee, Volume 1-No. 1 of the mimeographed leaflet called the Tennessee Union Farmer.

On the back it has a good little story by Homer Crabtree on the Franklin County Co-operative's potato marketing venture. I think the story would make a fine column and a half in the Modern Farmer.

I have asked for a copy of this salmon-colored leaflet (Tennessee Union Farmer, Volumn 1-No. 1) to be sent to you, and I have also asked for a letter to be sent to you giving you permission to reprint the story. If it comes through, the story is submitted for editorial consideration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

P.S. I am enclosing a leaflet about the organizing work the Farmers Union has underway in Tennessee. Maybe you will want to quote some of it also.

Tenn

September 14, 1945

Veterans Administration
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Sirs,

This letter is borne by Mr. Frederick E. Carter, lately Private, unassigned.

He has a problem on which he wishes clarification.

Some six weeks ago he received a letter from the VA in Murfreesboro, Tenn., advising him that he was entitled to thirteen months plus an odd number of days of assisted education (G. I. Bill).

He has in a claim for disability.

He believes that he is entitled to one year plus five months and nineteen days of assisted education (without disability); and to up to four years, with disability if established.

Note that his discharge gives him army service as 5 months, 19 days.

He drew Army pay for only some 40-odd days.

Circumstances: inducted, given 7 day furlough, received injury while on that furlough. Entered civilian hospital. Wrote draft board for advice. Ordered to Ft. Benning, where put into uniform and into hospital. Later, CDD discharge.

What he desired for the moment is that correspondence be begun which will cause correction of the letter from VA in Murfreesboro stating that he has only thirteen months plus of education; the correction to show that he is entitled to one year plus 5 months, 19 days, of such assisted education.

He will later take up the matter of extension to up to four years, in case service-connected disability is established.

Very truly,

George S. Mitchell

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September 14, 1945

Mr. James A. Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I talked with you some weeks ago about turning over to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare a manuscript prepared for the Southeastern Regional Office of the CIO-PAC during 1944.

Retyping the manuscript has now been completed. I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of it.

It has been my judgement that the manuscript needed drastic shortening to fill the bill I had originally in mind. A revised and shortened version was to be circulated to local unions all over the South, and a special effort was to have been made to get neighborhood discussion groups organized for a one-time joint reading and discussion of the pamphlet. Each discussion group was to have a leader who would have had the advantage of more elaborate material to help them in the discussion.

Stetson tells me that the pamphlet contains a lot of material that will be used in his forthcoming book. Special arrangements will have to be made to show credit to the book and its publisher if the material is used in whole. Where parts of it are used, it would again be necessary to consult Stetson as to a suitable credit statement. Stetson's address is 130 Blount Drive, East Point, Georgia.

I am sending you the original of the retyped manuscript. I retain two copies and the old (and scratchy) original.

I had Mr. Baldwin's permission some months ago to turn the manuscript over to the Southern Conference.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

September 18, 1945

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As we agreed yesterday, you were going to be kind enough to let me have the names of the two or three army officers who had written to the Rosenwald Foundation and shown particular interest in adjustment of veterans in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

September 20, 1945

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

We appreciate your courtesy in making the manuscript available. It has arrived, but I have not yet had time to read it. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions as to how this material may be used most effectively, please pass them on.

Yesterday I sent you a copy of a forum on regional planning from the American Scholar, which may be of interest to you. It includes a modest contribution of my own.

Hoping to see you at the Washington meeting or before,

Sincerely yours,

James A. Dombrowski

JAD:b

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

September 20, 1945

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have your note about the Army and Navy officers who had expressed interest in doing something in the field of race relations, and I shall be able to give you the definite information on this the first week in October, when I am in Chicago.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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Tenn

September 21, 1945

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Director
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a brief note about the plans for surveys. I should be glad to have you blue pencil it to make it suitable for the use of the SUMMARY.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

FISK UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF
EVENTS AND TRENDS IN
RACE RELATIONS

CHARLES S. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR

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RACHEL B. NOEL
ALMA G. FORREST

September 19, 1945

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We thought it might be well if we had a written statement of the program planned for Negro veterans, for the SUMMARY. Would you please send it as soon as possible?

It might interest you to know that we received reports of the program from an article which appeared in the Richmond, Indiana Palladium of August 9.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

CSJ:b

Tenn

September 21, 1945

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Director
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You gave me a job in asking on the 17th for a manuscript of my Institute talk. This was a purely ad lib talk.

I have today contrived a manuscript on my best recollection of the main points covered. It would be helpful if you or Mr. Lawrence would doctor it substantially. What I have written down tries to preserve the informal manner of the talk. If that makes it out of keeping with other manuscripts, I could flatten it out here and there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

September 17, 1945

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432 -- 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Following your lecture, "Southern Labor Unions," at the Institute of Race Relations in July, there were numbers of requests from Institute members to have a full copy of it for further reading, reference and for dissemination over a wider audience. This was, I should say, a substantial tribute to the excellence of the lecture. Since the close of the Institute, the requests have multiplied and a publisher has indicated that he would like to consider a selection of about fifteen of the Institute lectures for publication in book form. Certainly it would be in line with our program of popular education to have these exeeedingly valuable presentations reach a wider audience.

Would you therefore be willing to let me have the manuscript of your lecture for inclusion in a group of fifteen which we anticipate having published as a special volume.

With best wishes,

Charles S. Johnson

CSJ:AS

September 27, 1945 Tenn

Dr. Giles A. Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

Thanks a lot for your letter. I am sorry the paper had so much trouble. Now it will be back on the track.

I read Roberts' pamphlet recently and did the enclosed on it. It is a bit long, but I send it on to you if you want to print it.

I do hope we get together here or in Nashville soon. I want to hear all about Haiti.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
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Southern Regional Council
VETERANS SERVICES

September 24, 1945

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Rm. 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I returned to Nashville last week to get many reports regarding what had happened to The Modern Farmer during the period I was away. Surely some awful things did appear in the July and August issues. I am also afraid that there may be something in the September number as it has already gone to press. I still have the opportunity of seeing this before it is run off and may be able to make a few last minute changes should such be necessary.

Of course all this, I suppose, stems from neglecting to leave very careful instructions when I left or not having some really responsible person to look after the editing. What happened is that not enough live material was coming in for the paper and Mrs. Wilson simply took what she had and used it to fill in, not realizing the nature of much of the canned propaganda which comes through the mails to newspaper offices. I had asked Mrs. Daniel, Hennegan and Briscoe in Washington to keep enough stuff coming so that there would be no difficulty in this regard but evidently what they sent down was not enough.

Please rest assured that this news will be carefully watched in the future. I hope to see you some time this month in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Giles A. Hubert

GAH:AS

Tenn

October 1, 1945

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
Presbyterian Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I have read the proposed new by-laws in detail.

My questions and suggestions are few.

Bottom of page one, last line: suggest "subscribe to in the application"....

Page five, Article IX, section 5: I don't see any reason for a four-fifths vote to elect an honorary president. I vote for a majority vote.

Page nine: I suggest the title of Executive Director as being a bit less falutin' than Administrator.

Page ten, Article XVI: I don't see any sense in Advisory Council. If the Board does its job, we don't need it. It may be just to dress up stationery and help raise money. If that is the purpose, I don't object. But if it is to be convened with any regularity, it seems to be a fifth wheel.

Otherwise, I am okay on it and full of praise for those who drafted it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

October 1, 1948

Mr. T. O. Denham
Joint Legislative Committee
808 Werner Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Tom:

That was mighty nice of the Joint Legislative Committee to put me on the free list for the Bulletin.

Nothing quite so encouraging reaches me each month. For most of labor to be together in Tennessee working as your group works and printing the truth is fine and a model for every other southern state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

October 1, 1945

Mr. T. O. Denham
Joint Legislative Committee
608 Warner Building
Nashville, 3, Tennessee

Dear Tom:

That was mighty nice of the Joint Legislative Committee to put me on the free list for the Bulletin

S. A. PARA
Legislative Representative
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PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER
Legislative Representative
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Legislative Representative
Tennessee State Council of Truck Drivers Unions

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Joint Labor Legislative Committee

TENNESSEE LABOR BULLETIN

Phone 6-5996

608 WARNER BUILDING
NASHVILL 3, TENNESSEE

September 29, 1945

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

In reply to your note dated August 2nd, with attached check in the amount of $2.50 to cover the cost of a one-year subscription to the TENNESSEE LABOR BULLETIN, please be advised that the Committee has instructed me to return your check and to place your name on our complimentary list of readers.

Accordingly, your check is being herewith returned and your name is being added to our list. Also, please find enclosed a copy of the August issue. You should receive the September issue within the next week.

With best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

JOINT LABOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

T. O. Denham
For the Committee

Enc. (2)

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October 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Board Members.

SUBJECT: Board Meeting, Washington, D.C., October 17-18.

FROM: James A. Dombrowski.

Second Notice

This is to remind you of the very important meeting of our Executive Board in our office in Washington, D.C., 935 "G" Place NW, on October 17-18, 1945.

We are disappointed to report that only two members of the Board have acknowledged receipt of the bylaws. This Washington meeting is an especially called business session for the sole purpose of discussing these bylaws. Please give them serious study and send to the executive secretary your comments, criticisms, and suggestions.

As we indicated in our previous memorandum, it is expected that members of the Board will meet with President Truman to discuss our program for the South.

Hotel space in Washington is at a premium. May I suggest that you write our Washington representative, Miss Betty Wilson, 935 "G" Place NW, immediately, advising her when you will arrive, if you want her to assist in the matter of hotel accommodations.

Please return the blank below as soon as possible.

Tenn

October 5, 1945

Mr. James G. Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
Presbyterian Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I am glad you are getting ahead with the pamphlet.

Here is the check for $50.00. I look forward to seeing the early results of your labor.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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October 6, 1945

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

This will acknowledge receipt of the check for $50. Thank you. I am very sorry you cannot get to Washington.

Sincerely,

James A. Dombrowski

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FISK UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE
NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF
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October 8, 1945

RECEIVED
OCT 9
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for your report on the program for veterans which has been developed by the Southern Regional Council. It will prove very valuable for the staff of the SUMMARY.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

CSJ:b

Team

October 9, 1945

Dr. Giles Hubert
The Modern Farmer
403 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Hubert:

We have given away a number of copies of The Modern Farmer during the past year, and our file of back issues is incomplete.

We would be grateful if you could supply us with the following missing issues.

January, 1945
February, 1945
June, 1945
August, 1945
September, 1945

Our first issue is October 15, 1944. Did you take over the editorship prior to this issue? If so, could we have the issues you edited before this one?

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Anna S. Warwick
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

October 11, 1945

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VETERANS

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for sending on to us the manuscript covering the main points of your Institute lecture. It is so well "contrived" that little, if any, doctoring will be required.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
Monteagle, Tennessee
October 12, 1945

Dear Folks:

The majority of replies from the questionnaire sent to former students on a Highlander reunion this fall, set Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, as the dates.

The weekend will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with a get-together, meeting old friends and finding out what they have been doing. Saturday afternoon there will be a program, followed by volley ball, soft ball- or what have you. The banquet and a discussion of the future of Highlander comes off Saturday evening, winding up with a square dance.

The fatted calf- barbecued- will be off the fire in time for Sunday lunch.

It is important that everyone be here by 10 a.m. Saturday. If it is necessary, come in Friday night. Throw some extra blankets in the back of the car, bring along some sugar if you can possibly spare it, and head toward the mountain.

Sincerely yours,

Myles Horton

Myles Horton

P.S. Please let us know if you plan to come so we will be sure to have a bed for you.

Jenn

October 19, 1945

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
CIO Political Action Committee
218 South Gay Street
Knoxville 24, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I have been in New Orleans a couple of weeks and I am slow in answering your letter of October 7th.

I really don't know anything about Whittington. That is a straight Delta district. Probably the only way to reach him at all is to find a big land owner who has mildly liberal inclinations and get such a person to write to Whittington. If I had to find out about him, I would write under plain cover to Mr. A. D. Stewart, Amory, Mississippi. Stewart was Farm Security's regional director at Little Rock, is a Mississippian, and is now in business at Amory. You met him at the last Nashville meeting of the board of the Southern Conference.

But I don't think even Stewart could tell you how to move a representative of the Delta planters in the direction of full employment.

My best,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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October 7, 1945

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OCT 9
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

What do you know about Judge William Whittington, Mississippi Congressman, aside from the fact that he is supposed to be pretty fair-minded and usually pro-Administration (except on some issues such as race)?

Who can reach him that we can get to for the purpose of trying to make sure he will travel with us on the Full Employment Bill - H. R. 2202? Judge Whittington is a member of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments now holding hearings on this measure, and we are not pleased at all about the report which has just been received to the effect that he can be expected to balk, at best, and may oppose the measure unless it is considerably watered down from its present form.

He is one of six southerners on this Committee; one of four who may be susceptible to pressure from back home. Three of these: Carter Manasco of Jasper, Alabama, Joe Erwin of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Whittington are in my area. The other if Joseph Mansfield of Texas, who will be taken care of by Peek.

I've written Haigler in Alabama, and Sandefur and Roy Lawrence in North Carolina, but can't get a line on anyone who may be able to handle Whittington. Your help will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Christopher

Paul R. Christopher
National Field Representative

PRC:me

Tenn

October 24, 1945

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Tony Dechant of the Farmers Union tells me that a guy named Jim Perry wrote them October 5th from Sky Valley Farm, Zirconia, N. C. Said he was a dirt farmer and interested in the development of the Farmers Union; wanted to get on the mailing list and wanted more information about the Union.

Zirconia is in Henderson County up in the mountains, and I suppose in reach of Hendersonville. I don't know anything about Jim Perry. Of course he might be some kind of a planter.

On the principal that the mountains have a communication system of their own, I figured you might be in touch with somebody headed his way sometime. Anyhow, it would do no harm to put him on the mailing list for the Tennessee Union Farmer. I have to drive near him sometime soon and will look him up.

I hear we now have two chartered locals in eastern North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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October 30, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Board.

SUBJECT: Rosenwald Fund Appeal.

FROM: James A. Dombrowski.

The Southern Conference has appealed to the Rosenwald Fund for a grant of $25,000 a year for the next two years. We have been advised that letters from our Board addressed to Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President, Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois, would be very useful in helping us to get this grant.

Will you be kind enough to write immediately to Mr. Embree, and to any other members of the Rosenwald Board whom you know personally (see list below) urging favorable action on our appeal. Mr. Embree is especially interested in evidence that the Conference has real roots in the South and is a genuinely Southern agency. Please send me copies of your letters.

The Rosenwald Board is meeting early in November, thus this appeal is urgent.

Trustees of Rosenwald Fund

Lessing J. Rosenwald, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
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Tenn

November 1, 1945

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Thanks for your letter of the 29th.

The second Farmers Union local in North Carolina is a mainly colored one, also in Robeson County centering around a neighborhood known as Beautyspot, no post office. I understand it was chartered with forty members.

I saw an inch in a Richmond paper two days ago to the effect that the Secretary of Agriculture is to meet with "Southern farm leaders" at Memphis on November 12th.

It seems to me some of the Farmers Union locals in Tennessee would have every right to send a representative of them to the meeting. If you are interested, there would still be time to follow up. I suppose it would take no more than a wire to Anderson asking for audience.

Undoubtedly, Farmers Union would get notable publicity from it, and it would do the other groups and the Secretary good to have a program for poor folks put before them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

Oct. 29, 1945

Dear George;

I am putting Jim Perrys name on our mailing list. Thanks.

We expect to get a state charter for the Farmers Union Milk Producers Coop for upper East Tennessee some time this week. Also making some progress organizing the farmers selling on the farm market in Chattanooga. Milk producers around Fayettville want me to start a coop for them. Dont want to move too fast and get in over my head. Morris Mitchell wrote that he was on the look out for a coop man for Tennessee.

Congratulation on the 2 N. C. Unions. Where is the second?

Saw Aubrey Williams last week and hop to push the Southern Farmer in Tennessee.

Hope you can make the Highlander Reunion Nov. 24-25.

Cordially yours,

Myles

Myles

Tenn

November 7, 1945

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
Presbyterian Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

When the first carbon paper of the anti-filibuster petition reached me, I resisted an urge to write correcting the use of "flaunt" for "flout". Howsomever, I said 'tis but somebody's mistake on the typewriter and t'will be caught.

Now it appears locked in the blue press print of the formal petition.

But late than never or not ---

Sincerely, and with best wishes,

George S. Mitchell

GSMsw

"The time to permit filibusters in America has passed."

TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

Majority rule is fundamental to democracy and the constitutional process.

A filibuster obstructs majority rule and gives supreme power to a small minority.

It is a disgraceful and intolerable situation when the highest legislative body of the land is placed at the mercy of the vocal chords of one man.

> **"The time to permit filibusters in America has passed," said Senator Pepper of Florida . . . "Give one-tenth of the body the power to muzzle nine-tenths, and democracy, as a functioning institution in the Senate, has been destroyed."**

We Southern citizens, proud of the part played by Southerners in establishing these United States of America and in drafting its Constitution, declare that Senators engaging in filibuster flaunt not only the will of the Senate, but the best traditions of the South.

We respectfully urge the Senate of the United States, after giving adequate opportunity for full discussion, to halt any filibuster by invoking cloture, to maintain majority rule, and preserve democracy.

Name	Organization and Title (For Identification Only)	Address

Return to: Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Presbyterian Building, Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Dear Friend:

The threat of filibuster is once more being sounded by certain Southern Senators in their efforts to obstruct majority rule on the poll tax question. Regardless of the merit of that issue, we believe you will agree with us that the tactic of filibuster is indefensible in a democracy.

The enclosed statement condemning the filibuster will be useful in combatting this threat, and in encouraging other Senators in their efforts to prevent gag rule in the Senate. A determined majority of Senators can stop a filibuster; it is our responsibility to insist that the majority exercise its power.

The poll tax question may come up any day in the Senate; Senators Bilbo and Eastland are ready to lead the assault on the democratic process. Are you ready to send us your name immediately to add to the statement, and circulate the enclosed petition among your friends and in your organization? We will be very happy to send you additional petitions.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Dombrowski

James A. Dombrowski,
Executive Secretary

P. S. We believe you will find War Department Fact Sheet #64, FASCISM, enclosed, interesting and valuable. Additional copies are available upon request.

____ Please add my name to the statement.

____ Please send me ____ additional petitions.

Name _____

Address _____

Organization and title _____
(For identification only)

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

November 12, 1945

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I am sorry you resisted the urge to write us...

Hope to have something to show you in the next few days on the pamphlet.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

James A. Dombrowski

Tenn

November 24, 1945

Mr. Robert S. Clemmons
810 Broadway
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Clemmons:

I am glad to have your letter of November 16th. It would have been answered earlier, but I have been on a trip.

Of course the number one problem is employment. If we get full employment, we shall have little trouble about veterans.

Beyond that, two things are outstanding about dealing with Negro veterans:

(1) In most Southern cities and towns, Negro veterans who go to private agencies for information will be interviewed by white clerks or officials. It stands to reason that few colored boys are going to spill their real situation to the kind of middleclass celrical employees who are usually to be found in the offices of Information Centers, Red Cross Chapters, Veterans Administration Contact Offices, and United States Employment Service offices. Some cities have done something about this and have Negro interviewers available at Information Centers. Other cities even staff a whole part of the Employment Service with Negro personnel. The whole thing is a matter in which the church can be very useful. Officials hesitate to put on Negro employees for fear of local criticism. If the church will make favorable public opinion, more colored will get on. In this instance it is not a matter of making jobs for Negroes; it is a matter of efficiency in handling Negro veterans.

(2) The master benefit for most veterans, colored or white, is job training. This has been neglected. It is each veteran's business and each employer's business to unravel the red tape. We need a large propagandist effort to get this benefit across and available to hundreds of thousands of Southern boys and girls who are veterans. Particularly, as to Negro veterans is it most important to get a reasonable proportion at least into courses for training for skilled or semi-skilled work, in order that they and their friends will draw the conclusion that justice is being attempted. The enclosed booklet

from Illinois explains the program neatly on pages 26,27,28 and 28.

I don't know any literature that is particularly good about Negro veterans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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November 16, 1945

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are preparing an issue of the Demobilization Bulletin to deal with problems faced by negro veterans and other racial cultural groups as they return from the armed services. This bulletin contains factual information that local churches may use to understand and deal with the problems more intelligently.

We are writing your council to ask about resource material. Could you give us a bibilography of recent materials in this field, do you have any phamplets or other material you have issued, and what other resources do you feel we should contact in this field? We would appreciate any suggestions as to your point of view and what philosophy or approach could be made by the churches. With what movements may they cooperate? What guidance should be given them?

We shall appreciate a letter from you and hope that we can produce something that will be of help in this field.

Yours sincerely,

Robert S. Clemmons

Robert S. Clemmons

RSC:n

November 26, 1945

Mr. W. C. Connahan
840 N. Fourth Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

I am sorry you can't come. I really need you; but good luck to whatever you do, and we will be running into each other.

Please send me a bill for your expenses coming down. I want to pay them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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November 12, 1945

Mr. W. G. Carnahan
840 N. Fourth Street
Knoxville, Tenn

CAN YOU COME TO ATLANTA TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, OR SATURDAY THIS WEEK MY EXPENSES DISCUSSION JOB.

George S. Mitchell

Tenn

November 30, 1945

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

This ten dollars comes hard at Christmas time, but I guess Highlander needs it.

I am proud of what you are doing for the Farmers Union.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

November 12, 1945

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Southern Regional Council

Dear George,

Highlander is in a very serious financial situation, with only $800 in our operating fund and our expenses exceeding our income each month.

We are faced with curtailment of our program, unless we get more funds immediately.

We urge you to send us your contribution for this year as soon as you can. Please make it as large as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Myles Horton

Myles Horton

TO: ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM OF HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

For the past three months the expenses of running the school and carrying on our program have exceeded our income.

	Expenses	Income
AUGUST	$1980.79	$1067.02
SEPTEMBER	1260.96	1094.32
OCTOBER	964.08	853.78

Our operating fund is down to $800, the lowest it has ever been.

At the end of August it was $1493.82

At the end of September it was $922.66

If we continue to draw upon our reserve for monthly expenses, the end of the year will find us in the red.

This is a very serious situation. We must have more funds immediately or we will have to cancel our plans until we are in financial position to continue our program.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

Tenn

December 1, 1945

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your contribution of $10. As you know, it will be especially helpful at this time. You will be glad to learn that the response to our special appeal for more funds has been more than gratifying.

Myles, if he were here, would doubtless reply personally. However, at present, he is out in the field for the Farmers Union. I send his regards by proxy.

Sorry you were unable to be here for the reunion--it was a madhouse, but thoroughly enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston

Catherine Winston

Tenn

December 11, 1945

Mr. James A. Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
Presbyterian Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I am delighted to hear that we are now Public Enemy No. 1.

We are getting somewhere.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

What about Mrs. Haven's friend who did our Veterans Study for us?

Chester R Cowart
610 W Duval St.
Jacksonville 4, Fla.

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dec. 17, 1945

Dear George:

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune is making a tour of the South for us and is scheduled to appear in Jacksonville Jan. 21st. Would you be kind enough to adviseme who in your opinion would be the best Negro in Jacksonville to ask to take of the arrangements? Would appreciate a telegram or collect call from from on this.

Am still pushing the New York office on our pamphlet. It is in the works and am assurred it will be tops. Also am promised layout for you soon. Sorry about the delay but there have been many disappointments, and unavoidable delays there.

As ever,

December 20, 1945

Miss Catherine Winston
Executive Secretary
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Cathy:

Either date in January is all right with me so far.

Highlander is it - always, all weathers.

Just let me know what you finally pick.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

December 14, 1945

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George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

It has been suggested by several members of the Highlander Folk School Executive Council that our annual meeting be held in the middle of the week, rather than on a week-end.

Will the dates, January 17 and 18, 1946 (Thursday and Friday) be satisfactory to you? If it is not possible for you to attend the meeting on these days, could you meet on January 30 and 31 (Wednesday and Thursday)? The 17th and 18th would be better for the school staff, but if a majority of the Council members find it impossible to meet then, the dates can be moved up to the 30th and 31st.

We would also like to know if it is satisfactory to you to have the meeting at Highlander. Our four new large Warm Morning heaters make the building much more comfortable than it has been in previous winters.

We would appreciate it if you will let us hear from you on this as early as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston

Catherine Winston
Executive Secretary

Tenn.

December 21, 1945

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I need a couple of white veterans of World War II who can help me. They will have to come from this part of the country. A year or two of college is probably necessary. Must be out of the woods, or getting out of the woods, on race prejudice. The job will take a good deal of traveling. We are checking into veterans services in each state and finding out how well they are performed, and we are also pushing job training.

I have the colored veterans already.

If you know of anybody, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

P.S. Pay, say $200.00 a month on up, travel expenses taken care of.

REPORT OF 1945 ACTIVITIES

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

The most revealing report of the influence and results of Highlander's program is to be found in a survey made in December 1945 of the activities of former students. A questionaire was sent to a sampling of students of each term, 229 in all. There was a return of 11½%, or 30 atudents.

The results shoe:

1. 30 students represent 25,635 union members and 19 local unions
2. 23 had PAC committees functioning in their locals
3. 14 students of the 30 had been responsible for getting poll taxes paid other than their own.
4. One student, in Texas, had been responsible for getting 1,100, the entire membership of his local, to pay poll taxes.

RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Interracial

Negro union members attended all of the residence terms held at Highlander in 1945 except one two-week term. The school feels that this is one of the most effective ways by which we can help create better understanding between Negro and white union members. The students work, play, and study together and discuss together their common problems.

CIO Term - May 7-June 3, 1945

Twenty-six union leaders attended the Second Annual CIO Term. They represented 12 national and international unions and 35,106 people, 6,275 of whom were Negroes.

Classes during the session included CIO Policy and Organization, Union Problems, World Events, Labor and Community, Parliamentary Law, Public Speaking, Publicity Workshop, Legislation and Political Action, Government Agencies, and Job Relations (Training Within Industry).

Four Southern CIO Regional Directors, Tennessee Director Paul R. Christopher, Arkansas Sub-Regional Director, William Henderson, Virginia Director Ernest Pugh and Georgia Director Charles Gillman, taught the course in CIO Policy and Organization, which ran through the entire term. Allan S. Haywood, CIO Vice President and Director of Organization came down for the last day of the term and gave the closing address to the students.

Kermit Eby, CIO Education and Research Director, taught several classes on development of techniques in workers education.

Evening discussions were led by visiting speakers on subjects of importance to CIO members. For example, two evenings were spent on the CIO non-discrimination policy.

Classes were taught by the Highlander staff -- Mary Lawrance, Myles Horton, Zilphia Horton, Catherine Winston, Ermon Fay Johnson and Irving Sholin -- and by experts in various fields who came to the school during the term. Visiting speakers included Elizabeth Barnes, National Subcommittee of the YWCA; Spencer Johnson, TWI; Benjamin Sigal, Executive Assistant to CIO Members of the NWLB; Edith Christenson and Warren Hall, OPA; Paul Styles and William George, NLRB; Lucy R. Mason, CIO Public Relations Representative; Margaret Fisher, Executive Secretary of the Committee for Georgia; James Dombrowski, Executive Secretary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Latane Lambert, CIO Community Services Committee; George Weaver, CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination; George Mitchell, CIO-PAC Regional Director; Israel H. Moss, Anti-Defamation League; Chaim Raphael, Editor "Labor and Industry in Britain", and Virginia Durr, National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.

The term was planned and directed by the Southern CIO Regional Directors and the Highlander staff. Day to day decisions on program were made by a council of students and staff. The council made changes in schedule within the framework of the program outlined by the Regional Directors, to fit the needs and interests of the students. Committees were set up such as newspaper, recreation and steering committees.

The 26 students who attended the term are now serving as local union presidents, vice-presidents, financial secretaries, recording secretaries; as delegates to and members of the executive boards of city and area industrial union councils. One is a president, one a vice-president of a state industrial union council.

They are working either as members or as chairmen of local and state political action committees, on local grievance, organizing, social security and social committees. One student is writing a regular PAC column for the state CIO paper.

In community organizations, they are active in Red Cross, community chest, and veterans committees. One is an assistant scout master, one is president of the local chapter of the Urban League and co-chairman of the labor committee of the local NAACP. One helped organize a city forum of the air.

In addition, they are putting out shop papers and teaching classes in world events, PAC, job relations, parliamentary law, CIO policy and organization. They are doing publicity work; one is on the editorial staff of a state CIO paper.

Two of the students are organizing and another is a business agent for 6 local unions.

Three of the students were contestants last fall for the office of Vice President of the Arkansas State Industrial Union Council.

UAW Term - June 11-17, 1945

The United Automobile Workers, CIO, held their second annual summer school at Highlander under the direction of Noble Combs of the UAW Education Department. Twenty-one UAW members from the southern region attended. The program included Economics of the Industry and the Postwar Period, Collective Bargaining, Leadership Training, Parliamentary Law, Public Speaking and Consumer Problems.

In addition to the Highlander staff, the courses were taught by Noble Combs; Sigmund Diamond of the UAW Research Department; T.J.Starling, UAW Regional Director; E.L.Luter, UAW; Clayton Fountain, UAW Consumer Division and George Mitchell, CIO-PAC. A student-staff council functioned during the week through the following committees: steering committee, Co-op Board of Directors (which ran a demonstration co-op store), bulletin board committee and recreation committee.

URWA Term - July 1-14, 1945

Twenty-five members from the southern region attended a two-week term held by the United Rubber Workers of America, CIO. Classes included the History and Policy of the URWA, Grievance Procedure, Committee Problems, CIO Policy, Government Agencies, Current Events, Labor and the Community, Parliamentary Law, Public Speaking and Job Relations (TWI).

URWA officials assisted the Highlander staff as teachers. District Representative F.M.Dickinson, Education and Research Director Dr. A.L.Lewis, Legislative Representative T.A.Owens, Organization Director N.H.Eagle were at the school during the term. Spencer Johnson and Al Smith from Training Within Industry taught the Job Relations course.

Labor Journalism - August 6-13, 1945

Eighteen students, members of the UAW, Shipbuilders, Office Workers, Newspaper Guild (all CIO), from the Teachers Union (AFL) and the Farmers Union and the American Veterans Committee, attended the labor journalism course. Carl Haessler, Managing Editor of the Federated Press, taught the course for the third summer.

AFHW Institutes

The American Federation of Hosiery Workers, CIO, under the direction of William Rafsky, Education and Research Director, held two week end institutes at Highlander during 1945 for members of branches in this area. Twenty-two members attended the first, June 23-24, and twenty-four attended the institute held Sept. 15-16. A third institute was planned for December but was postponed because of strikes.

Students attending the June institute studied: how to run the union meeting, handling grievances, War Labor Board policy and wage problems, parliamentary law and public speaking. Members attending the September institute were divided into two groups. Those who were here for the first time studied public speaking, parliamentary law, how to get the membership active, how to handle grievances and and government wage policy in the reconversion period. Members who had attended the first institute studied in addition the relation between labor unions and the cooperative movement and problems in collective bargaining.

EXTENSION PROGRAM - FIELD WORK

During 1945 Mary Lawrance, from the staff, continued her work as Educational Director of the Tennessee State CIO Council. During the months of January, February and part of March she was assigned to Nashville by the Council as assistant to the CIO State Legislative Representative while the 75th General Assembly was in session.

Her legislative work consisted of interviewing legislators, preparing labor bills to be introduced, analyzing anti-labor bills, keeping an eye on the sessions from day to day, helping with the weekly mimeographed legislative bulletin, working with other labor, womens' and public groups on legislation concerning the general welfare. At the end of the session, the Joint Legislative Committee prepared a general report on the activities of the Assembly which was printed and distributed widely throughout the state.

During these months Miss Lawrance studied the labor laws then in effect in the state and prepared a mimeographed pamphlet on the Tennessee Workmen's Compensation Act which was sent to all CIO locals in the state.

From April to August she was on leave of absence. During July she was at Highlander and taught at the URWA school.

From August through December, Miss Lawrance worked in Chattanooga. She held educational programs for 16 local unions for 20 to 30 minutes during the meeting, discussing legislation, grievance procedure, parliamentary law. In addition she held classes for officers and committeemen of the various CIO locals on grievance procedure, the CIO reconversion program, parliamentary law and legislation. She helped organize legislative committees in local unions, which hold monthly conferences, and prepared legislative bulletins for the committees.

Miss Lawrance worked through the Education Committee and Legislative Committee of the Chattanooga Industrial Union Council. These two, plus the Council Publicity Committee, put on a city-wide Job Rally.

In addition to her work in Chattanooga, Miss Lawrance put out a Education Bulletin for CIO members in the state, prepared material for a Tennessee Workman's Compensation Chart and a leaflet on the work of the State CIO Council.

Nashville Program

The Nashville Industrial Union Council in cooperation with the Highlander Folk School set up an educational program in December 1945, for the CIO locals in Nashville. The Joint Council of the United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers (consisting of 6 locals); the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers local; and a branch of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers are participating in the program.

Irving Sholin from the staff is holding classes the second and fourth week ends of each month. The current topic under discussion is the setting-up of grievance machinery and the handling of grievances. Sessions in parliamentary law will follow in the near future.

Athens, Georgia

Two staff members, Dorothy McDade and Irving Sholin, taught public speaking and parliamentary law at a week end institute held by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers branch at Athens, Georgia, August 11-12.

Tennessee CIO News

Catherine Winston from the staff worked for a year for the Tennessee State CIO Council as Editor of the Tennessee CIO News. She also helped the state education director with classes in Memphis. She returned to the school September 15.

Tennessee Farmers Union

Myles Horton, of the Highlander staff, has been appointed Tennessee Representative of the National Farmers Union. At its last annual meeting the Highlander Executive Council authorized the school to do everything possible to help in the organization of working farmers in the state.

The Farmers Union has been established in five counties, scattered from the Smoky Mountains in the East Tennessee to the Western part of the state near the Mississippi River.

The cooperative base differs in each county. In Greene County the Farmers Union has organized the milk producers. A board of 15 co-op directors representing several hundred farmers are bargaining with the Pet Milk Company in Greeneville for the right to have their own checkmen and testers at the plant.

The local unions making up the dairy co-operative are working on rural electrification and legislation -- especially the Full Employment Bill.

In Hamilton County and adjoining counties the farmers selling on the curb market in Chattanooga have organized. Some of the Farmers Union members are from North Alabama and North Georgia. A marketing co-op has been set up for the purpose of: 1) improve existing marketing conditions and 2) eventually establish a co-op market in Chattanooga for the tri-state farmers.

The Chattanooga Times has given full coverage to the farmer's meetings, including a front page story with pictures. The Chattanooga World, an AFL paper, has covered the meetings. The Farmers Union has the official and active support of both the CIO and the AFL in Chattanooga. Rev. A.L.DeJarnette of Soddy is largely responsible for the success of the organization.

The Franklin County farmers have set up a co-operative for selling potatoes and buying fertilizer and seed. Plans are underway for a Farmers Union warehouse. In the meantime, the farmers are buying in car-load lots.

The Greenhaw Local of the Farmers Union has provided leadership for the state. Homer Crabtree is secretary of the Tennessee Organizing Committee. As official spokesman of the state Farmers Union, Crabtree has written numerous letters to congressmen and senators on measures affecting the farmers and the general public. All Tennessee representatives have been asked to support full employment and the 65 cent minimum wage legislation. He has also fought against crop limitations and efforts to reduce federal support to family-type farmers.

In Carroll County, in West Tennessee, the farmers are working on a warehouse for buying and selling. There is no ready market for their livestock and vegetables. Mainly a cotton and corn section, they hesitate to change to diversified farming because of the marketing situation. The farmers are also disturbed by the Farm Bureau talk about cutting out government aid to the small farmer. The Farmers Union chairman, A.C.Lange, is one of the more active AAA committeemen.

The Farmers Union is indebted to Tom White, Tennessee legislative secretary for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, for the Carroll County organization.

In Grundy County, the few small farmers on the Cumberland Plateau will probably join the Franklin County co-op. They have carried on an educational program and thrown their weight behind desirable legislation.

Education

The educational department of the Tennessee Farmers Union, directed by Ermon Fay Johnson of the Highlander staff, has conducted leadership training institutes, distributed literature and arranged for speakers at local meetings. Miss Johnson is working with a committee of rural ministers who are cooperating with the Farmers Union. The committee chairman is Rev. Eugene Smathers of Big Lick, Tennessee.

The educational director held a one-week institute for adult leaders in the Greenhaw Local. The principles of cooperatives, leadership training and community recreation programs were discussed. The institute ended with a party, planned by the group, for the young people in the community. The Greenhaw Educational Committee also cleaned

and painted the grade school, cleared the playground and are now interested in starting a hot lunch program. Further plans of the group are to hold a one-week singing school to train leaders and learn new songs.

The legislative committee of the Summerfield Local has been very active. During the last election campaign they canvassed the community, urging people to pay their poll tax and vote.

The educational director worked in the Greene County union office where she prepared news releases, wrote leaflets and made contacts. Because of this, she will be in a position to work with the board of directors of the big milk co-operative (which will have approximately 1,800 members when the drive is completed) on a sound educational program on co-operative principles.

Plans are being made to hold a county-wide leaders institute as soon as all of the district locals have been set up. Legislative, educational and cooperative committees will meet together to discuss their jobs. The presidents and vice-presidents will learn how to conduct meetings, the secretary-treasurers will learn how to keep records, the legislative committee members will be introduced to literature available for their use and will learn how they can get the membership to take action on legislative issues.

A state paper, the Tennessee Union Farmer, is being put out irregularly, depending on the amount and urgency of union news. It is a mimeographed "one-sheeter", containing organizational and local news, farm interest stories and condensation of legislation of concern to farmers.

In December a Farmers Union Song Book was compiled for the locals.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

"Nothin' to do on the mountain -- guess there won't never be, so I'm thinkin' about goin' down to Florida and gettin' a job. They say the government's got a construction job down there that will last five years."

This comment of a neighbor who has just come back from a war job at Oak Ridge, reflects the thinking of most of the people in the community of Summerfield. The boys are coming back from the armed services; the men and women are returning from war jobs -- and there's nothing to do. So the population of Summerfield is constantly on the move, and the interest in an organized community program fluctuates with the migration of the people in and out of the community.

Canning Project

The Summerfield Co-op, the Summerfield Improvement Club (PTA) and the Farmers Union Local worked together during the summer on a canning project for the hot lunch program of the public school. They built an outdoor furnace and managed to get two pressure cookers from the County School Supervisor. Community people planted an extra row in their gardens for the lunch room. Although the results were not as much as hoped for, the canning project was successful in unifying the community organizations and developing community interest in the hot lunch program.

Summerfield Improvement Club

A staff member worked with the Improvement Club on raising money for the hot lunch program. Two benefit square dances held at Highlander in the fall brought in $50. The staff member also worked with the club on parties given at the Summerfield School.

Community Christmas Party

The co-op, the Improvement Club, and the Sunday School gave a Christmas party for the children in the community. A staff member worked with the group in planning the party, and in managing a square dance to raise money to buy fruits and candy for the party.

Summerfield Co-op

The Summerfield Co-op has made dolls, bean bags, aprons and blouses that have sold very well. The meetings have not been regular since the members have held other jobs. However, in 1945 the co-op members made a good profit. A staff member works with the co-op, finding new articles to produce and new markets.

Summerfield News

This weekly mimeographed paper, put out by a staff member, keeps the Summerfield people conscious of being members of a community rather than people living on the outskirts of a small town. It carries "personals", a column called "postcard politics" which explains current legislation and calls for action, community organization news and notices. It is delivered to everyone in Summerfield and is mailed to community people in service or working in other places.

Recreation

The school has been the center for dances and parties for the young people of Summerfield and nearby communities. The boys and girls have been encouraged to learn to play the guitar and fiddle and to "call" for the square dancing. Except for a "honky-tonk" the Folk School is the only place for recreation for miles around.

Conclusions

Highlander is important to the community but the community is also very important to Highlander. Highlander needs the support of the people who live near the school, and will need it increasingly as it undertakes more interracial sessions. There is strong opposition to interracial activities in the South and without community support the school will be vulnerable to physical attack.

One of the most valuable contributions the school could make to the community would be a nursery school. In addition to a nursery school teacher, we need on the staff a full-time community worker who would visit the people, help them organize recreation and discussion groups, and tie them more closely to the school and its program.

The program of the co-op should be expanded. There is no means for the majority of the people on the mountain to make a decent living and through the Co-op they could supplement their income, making it possible for them to live on the mountain rather than forcing them to lead a migratory life. This would benefit the community and in turn help the school.

CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

Staff members from Highlander attended and took part in the following conferences and conventions:

Tennessee State CIO Council
Georgia State Industrial Union Council, CIO
Alabama State Industrial Union Council, CIO
UAW Education Conference
National Farmers Union Education Conference
Southeastern Industrial YWCA Conference
Adult and Community Education Camp in Quebec, Canada
sponsored by McGill University
Arkansas Farmers Union Convention
Labor and Religion Conference in Nashville, Tennessee

REUNION

Over 100 former students and friends came back to Highlander the week end of November 24-25 for the first reunion in four years. They represented more than twenty international unions from Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, North and South Carolina, Louisiana and Tennessee.

Aubrey Williams, Editor of the Southern Farmer, spoke at the banquet Saturday evening. During Saturday afternoon the school staff gave a play on the Atomic Bomb, followed by an "Atomic Information Please".

The Highlander Alumni Association met during the week end. Among its reccommendations was one that all former students urge their local unions to contribute one per cent per capita monthly to Highlander, and that, in addition, all students contribute one day's pay to the school's program.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT, 1945

PROGRAM

Residence Terms

CIO - 1 month - 26 students
UAW - 1 week - 21 students
URWA - 2 weeks - 25 students
Labor Journalism - 1 week - 18 students
AFHW Institutes - 2 weekends - 46 students

The CIO, UAW, and Labor Journalism terms were interracial.

Activities of Former Students

A survey of 229 former students, made in December 1945, had a return of 11½% or 30 students. It showed that:

1. 30 students represent 25,635 union members and 19 local unions
2. 23 had PAC committees functioning in their locals
3. 14 students of the 30 had been responsible for getting poll taxes paid other than their own
4. One student, in Texas, had been responsible for getting 1,100, the entire membership of his local, to pay poll taxes.

The 26 students attending the 1945 CIO term represented 35,106 people. They are serving as local union presidents, vice-presidents, financial secretaries, recording secretaries; as delegates to and members of the executive boards of city and area industrial union councils. One is a president and one a vice-president of a state industrial union council.

They are working either as members or as chairmen of local and state PAC's, on local grievance, organizing, social security and social committees. One is writing a regular PAC column for a state CIO paper.

In community organizations, they are active in Red Cross, community chest and veterans committees. One is an assistant scout master, one is president of the local chapter of the Urban League and co-chairman of the labor committee of the local NAACP. One helped organize a city forum of the air.

In addition, they are putting out shop papers and teaching classes in world events, PAC, job relations, parliamentary law, CIO policy. They are doing publicity work; one is on the editorial staff of a state CIO paper.

Two of the students are organizing and another is a business agent for 6 local unions. Three of the students were contestants last fall for the office of Vice President of the Arkansas State Industrial Union Council.

Field Program

A member of the staff has been Educational Director for the Tennessee State CIO Council in 1945. Another was Editor of the Tennessee CIO News.
One staff member is Tennessee Representative of the National Farmers Union and another is State Education Director for the Farmers Union.
Two staff members taught at a weekend institute in Athens, Ga., conducted by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.
Classes are being conducted for CIO local unions in Nashville, Tenn., by another.

FINANCES

Receipts

On hand Jan. 1, 1945		
Building and Reserve	$2,000.00	
Operating Fund	2,134.42	
		$ 4,134.42
Income		19,182.33
TOTAL		$23,316.75

Disbursements

Expenses		$17,739.73
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1946		
Building Fund	$1,265.97	
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1945
Highlander Folk School

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RECEIPTS

Individual contributions	$7464.12
Funds, foundations	3467.88
Unions (not including individual union contrib.)	2659.62
Board, tuition	3442.84
Accounts receivable, refunds & miscellaneous	1131.01
Sale of literature	238.39
Building fund, special contributions	778.47
TOTAL	$19,182.33
For services rendered in field program, paid for by the organization	$3,671.00

DISBURSEMENTS

MAINTENANCE

Staff	$1924.56
Capital plant, equipment and repair	1101.73
Farm, including labor	1881.89
Food	3288.58
Supplies	569.68
Light, heat & ice	679.35
Labor	1243.57
Laundry	138.86
TOTAL	$10,828.22

ADMINISTRATIVE

Postage	$226.45
Telephone & telegraph	508.21
Addressograph and mimeograph	232.13
Express and freight	27.22
Printing and stationery	860.91
Office supplies and equipment	152.61
Community and educational supplies	86.52
TOTAL	$2094.05

FIELD WORK AND TRAVEL

Fund raising trips	$ 805.00
Car and maintenance	472.31
Extension, conferences and recruiting	760.93
Farmers Union	1630.88
TOTAL	$3669.12

MISCELLANEOUS

Dues and donations	$ 66.25
Accounts receivable and miscellaneous	882.55
Annuity	150.00
Insurance	49.54
TOTAL	$1148.34

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$17,739.73
Field programs for unions, paid by the organization	3,671.00

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1945

Cash	$ 1,265.97
Pledges	9,800.00
Total.....	$10,065.97

With the attention of the staff focussed on the building fund, our operating fund dropped in the fall of 1945 to $800. However, thanks to the response of our friends, we ended the year with a total of $4,311.05 in our operating and reserve funds. In addition, we have $10,065.97 in cash and pledges in our building fund.

The entire expense of promotion of the building fund campaign has been paid out of our operating expenses.

In addition, expenses connected with the organization of the Tennessee Farmers Union have been largely paid by the school. In 1946 we hope that outside organizations, such as unions, will pay a larger proportion of this expense.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
OPERATING BUDGET -1946

MAINTENANCE		
Staff, personal expenses	$ 2,800.00	
Equipment, repair	800.00	
Farm, including building and labor	1,900.00	
Food	3,500.00	
Supplies	420.00	
Light and heat	610.00	
Labor	1,000.00	
Laundry	150.00	
		$11,180.00
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Postage	$ 500.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	480.00	
Addressograph and Mimeograph	135.00	
Express and Freight	75.00	
Printing, Stationery	980.00	
Office Supplies and Equipment	200.00	
Community and Educational Supplies	210.00	
		$ 2,580.00
FIELD WORK AND TRAVEL		
Recruiting students	$ 500.00	
Fund Raising trips	1,000.00	
Car and maintenance	500.00	
General extension and conferences	865.00	
		$ 2,865.00
SPECIAL RESIDENCE SESSIONS AND SERVICES		
To be paid for directly by farm and labor organizations involved		$ 9,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
Capital improvements	$ 980.00	
Annuity	200.00	
Dues, donations	65.00	
Insurance	115.00	
		$ 1,360.00
TOTAL		$26,985.00

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January 24th, 1946

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

It is very gracious of you to send such a nice letter under date of January 22nd.

I had hoped very much to get down to Monteagle last Thursday and Friday, but could not leave Booba and she would not agree to accompany me.

I will be unable to attend the SCHW meeting tomorrow and Saturday in Durham, and I doubt very seriously if it will be possible for me to meet you in Atlanta next Monday or Tuesday. Although, as you must know, I am extremely anxious to talk with you, I do not feel like asking you to come up here. Perhaps it would be better if I waited until I can meet you at one of the places on your itinerary at some later date.

Again, many thanks.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher
National Field Representative

PRC-k

212½ Union Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee
January 2, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Board Members, Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

SUBJECT: Board Meeting, January 25; Membership meeting, January 26, Durham, N.C.

Thus far we have heard only from the following board members concerning their attendance on January 25: Clark Foreman, Lucy Mason, Clyde Helms, Hollis Reid, Mrs. Bethune, George Mitchell, Alva Taylor--all of whom can come. Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Durr are uncertain. I am greatly concerned about having a quorum. Will you please advise me at once whether or not you can attend.

This Durham meeting will be important, as the work of the Conference for the ensuing year will be passed upon. Your judgment and advice is needed on the many problems confronting us. If you plan to attend, reservations should be made at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham or through Miss Mary Price, secretary of the Committee for North Carolina, 115 Church Street, Greensboro, N.C.

James A. Dombrowski

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January 3, 1946

Please reply to:
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Altanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Dr. Johnson has directed me to acknowledge with thanks your telegram accepting the invitation to participate in the Saint Louis Race Relations Institute. I am very happy that you will be present and am sure that you will contribute to Saint Louis the same type of wise and inspirational counsel, which you have given on other occasions, when I have been present.

With best wishes for a good New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Charles

Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.
Supervisor of State and
Area Institute

CRL/bo

Dear George:

The Highlander Executive Council meeting will start with LUNCH at 12 o'clock Jan. 17 and end with LUNCH at 1 o'clock Jan. 18.

I sincerely hope your plans have changed so you can be with us.

Cordially,

Zilphia

Zilphia Horton

Jerry

January 9, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Miles:

Re the board meeting on the 17-18, I am out on a trip that puts me back in Atlanta on the morning of the 17th. I have got to attend to my office that morning. What I will do is leave here in the afternoon of the 17th, driving, and get to Highlander that evening after supper (and too late for the dishwashing squad).

If you can either have me a bed or book me a bed at the hotel for that night, that will be grand. Then I can be there for the morning of the 18th and drive back down that afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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January 8, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I have worked things out so I can get to the board meeting January 18th. Shall expect to be driving up in my own car, and will see if there are others from Atlanta I could take.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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December 26, 1945

Mrs. Zilphia Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Zilphia:

I am sorry that between letters I made a tentative engagement to be at Norfolk, Virginia, Jan. 14-19. That date may be moved to later in the month. If it is, I will come to the board meeting at Highlander; if it isn't, I will have to go to Norfolk.

I will let you know as soon as I know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

Dec. 22, 1945

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George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

This is written in the absence of Cathy who has gone home for the X'mas holidays.

The majority of the executive council prefer to have the meeting at Highlander on Jan 17 - 18. This is particularly fortunate since the CIO Policy Conference in Atlantic City cancels out the possibility of the dates Jan. 30 - 31. We'll let you know as to the hour for the first meeting.

Needless to say, we feel this council meeting is to be an important one and we are counting heavily on having your advice and counsel.

Would you let us know as soon as possible that we can count on your being with us?

Myles joins me in send best wishes for the holidays.

Cordially,

Zilphia

Zilphia Horton

Tenn

January 9, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have at last made real headway on getting a crew together.

We now have Negro veterans employed and pushing job training in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia. These young men are respectively; Mr. Ibra January in Louisiana, Mr. Harry Wright in Mississippi, and Mr. Horace Bohannon in Georgia. Each is a native of the state he is working in now.

I am sending to Alabama a Mr. W. B. Twitty, white, who is also a native. I have another boy, Mr. William Dixon, colored, coming on in the middle of January.

We are enthusiastic, and we hope we can do some good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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January 11th, 1946

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
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Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thanks very much for sending me the article on the 10th District Nomination which was published in the Raleigh News and Observer on December 29th. I am having copies made to send to Palmer Weber and Ted Dudley.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

PRC-k

Paul R. Christopher

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

January 11, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of January 9th about thecomplete crew which you have assembled. It sounds very good. I know W. B. Twitty, or at least know a number of things about him. I have also heard of Bohannon. I think your program is going well.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

January 12, 1946

Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

Enclosed you will find the proposed agenda for the annual Executive Council meeting to be held January 17-18. We are planning to hold over the discussions on programs with Negro groups and with Veterans groups until Friday morning in order to have your suggestions as to possibilities of working with the Southern Regional Council.

We hope you will give the agenda some thought ahead of time, and are looking forward to seeing you again.

Would it be possible for you to stop by Tom Stalling's office and pick up a mimeoscope which he is giving us? He is giving us his old one, several degrees better than our present one. If it won't be too much trouble, it would help a lot if you could bring it up in your car.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston
Executive Secretary

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
JANUARY 17-18, 1945

— Elect secretary of meeting

— Approve agenda

— 1945 Activities Report

— 1946 Program
- Residence terms
  - CIO Term - report of committee on CIO term
  - Special union terms - FTA, UAW, UERA, USA
  - Writers Workshop (possibility of adding short story, poetry, pamphlet, etc. to journalism)

- Field Program
  - classes in Nashville, Chattanooga, etc.
  - educational programs with strikers

- Programs with Veterans groups

- Tennessee Farmers Union

- Programs with Negro groups

- Community program in relation to other phases of the school's work

— 1945 Financial Report

— 1946 Budget

— Building program
- building plans
- revised costs
- fund-raising

— Election of chairman for 1946

Post Office Box 1204
Winchester, Tennessee
January 22, 1946

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Mr. Miles Horton of Monteagle, Tennessee has advised me that you were interested in securing the services of another person in your work and also insisted that I contact you.

I have been employed by the Farm Security Administration for almost five years. During the past few years our appropriations have been cut considerably and likewise the personnel has been reduced. During this time more than forty supervisors have been drafted into the Armed Forces. These men are now returning to civilian life and a large number will come back to the FSA for their jobs, which means that they will replace men now working. I have been advised that I will be one that will be replaced by a Veteran.

If you are interested in more personnel in your work I will appreciate your advising me as to the type of work it is and the approximate salary.

Very truly yours

William E. Linder

William E. Linder
FSA Supervisor

Tenn

January 31, 1946

Mr. James A. Dombrowski
212½ Union Street
Nashville 1, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Guy and I talked about the pamphlet.

We propose that by agreement the Council now try its hand at a pamphlet. We will try to get it done in under two months; that is, we will try to get a dummy.

It seems to me important to have enough factual material in the pamphlet to cause it to ring true to white and Negro veterans.

I think it could be done with very little more wordage than is used in the dummy you sent.

I think such a pamphlet should have something like the following contents:

(1) The draft as it applied to Negroes (their educational and health level, proportion rejectees, etc.)

(2) Distribution of Negro troops in armed forces

(3) In a modern war, one man in ten reaches the front.

(4) Proportion of Negroes who reached front

(5) Importance of tasks ancillary to fighting

(6) The good and the bad in Negro combat achievements, and in white

(7) Excellent performance in mixed fighting units

(8) Bad organization of all-Negro combat divisions

(9) A citation or two

(10) Summary of stars, decorations, etc.

(11) War-time changes in the thinking of Negro soldiers and civilians

(12) All in all, a good job, worthy of praise.

This plan may not suit what the Conference would like. What do you say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services

GSM:jm

P.S. Dummy returned herewith.

Tenn

February 1, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The ex-Marine Corps sergeant major working on job training in Mississippi has sent me this weekly report.

It gives a good idea of what his job is and that of the other four men now working.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services

GSM:jm
Enclosure

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February 6, 1946

Mr. William H. Crawford, District Director
United Steelworkers of America, CIO
75 Ivy Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Bill:

Due to snow and ice and strike situations, only seven of Highlander's Executive Council were present January 17-18 for our annual meeting. The Council members had an extremely interesting discussion of Highlander's 1945 plans. However, they felt that the plans were of such importance to warrant postponing action until a later date when a larger number of Council members could attend.

Those present suggested that the Council meet Friday, April 12, 1946, in Chattanooga; the meeting to be for one day, beginning at 9 A.M. and ending at 5 P.M. Please check on the enclosed card whether or not this date meets with your approval.

Edward F. Callaghan has written that he will be in the North for a long, indefinite time and for this reason will not be able to serve on the Executive Council. We regret that this is so, for Mr. Callaghan has made a valuable contribution to the work of the school. However, as you know, we have followed the policy that no Council member should be an absentee member, as it is important that the Council be a live, functioning group.

The Council members present on January 17-18 nominated John McCoy, Southern Director for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, to the Executive Council. Please record your vote on Mr. Callaghan's resignation and the nomination of Mr. McCoy on the enclosed card.

Enclosed is a report of Highlander's program in 1945, together with a short summary of the report. Enclosed also is the 1945 financial report and a proposed budget for 1946. We urge you to study the report and budget before the Council meets.

You will note there is no provision in the budget for the school's building program. The Council members present informally discussed plans for raising money for new buildings. Our needs are:

1) a library building to adequately house our six thousand books and pamphlets. As it is now, large numbers of them are stacked in the attic and in cupboards and are not available for use. This building would also contain office space, class rooms and a large

meeting hall.

2) a dormitory which would house 36 people, with a dining room and kitchen to serve 150 at capacity. An extension to the dormitory would house 36 additional people.

3) a lake for swimming, fishing and boating.

The library is our first need and will be built first. Our present building will be used for living quarters until we can build the dormitory. The extension to the dormitory can be added after the main building is complete.

We are of the opinion that staff members should concentrate in 1946 on raising money for buildings. At the same time we cannot neglect our educational work with unions. Zilphia Horton is working with an active fund-raising committee in Washington. Mary Lawrance has been given responsibility by the staff for organizing and directing a money-raising campaign in the South.

We recognize that this is not the time to ask for contributions from unions. However, the plan is to carry on the campaign throughout this year. Committees can be organized in various centers right now and groups and individuals outside the labor movement asked to contribute.

The possibility of asking national and international unions functioning in the South to be responsible for contributing a share of the building budget was discussed. This will be discussed in more detail at the April meeting.

We will appreciate it if you will mark the ballot on the enclosed card and return it to us right away.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston
Executive Secretary

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

February 6, 1946

Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which is being sent to all members of the Executive Council who were not present January 17-18 for our annual meeting.

Although you expressed approval at that time of the suggestions made regarding the date and place for a meeting, acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Callaghan and the nomination of Mr. McCoy, we are asking you to record your vote on the enclosed card and return it to us. We need this for the files.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy

Catherine Winston

P.S. We enjoyed having you here for the "pre-Council meeting" and hope Mrs. Mitchell can come with you to the Chattanooga meeting and that you both can come on up to the school for the weekend after it is over.

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

February 7, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of the 1st, with its enclosure of the photostat copy of Mr. Harry L. Wright's letter. I read it with a great deal of interest, and I am very glad to have this evidence of the manner in which the program is getting started.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

Charles S. Johnson

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February 8, 1946

Mr. William E. Linder
P. O. Box 1204
Winchester, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Linder:

Alice and I greatly enjoyed the visit from you and Mrs. Linder and Bobby last Saturday. Please write me what you decide to do.

I am waiting for a note as to your expenses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

P. S. Your letter of February 6th has just arrived, and a check for $25.40 to cover your expenses is enclosed.

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February 8, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You are most forehanded about the Fisk Institute in July.

I shall be glad to be on hand for whatever couple of days or so you wish me between July first and twentieth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

February 4, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I hope you were well enough pleased with last year's Institute of Race Relations to be disposed to listen to the request of the staff and membership that you be invited to participate again as a lecturer in the Third Institute, scheduled for July 1-20.

Would you put a mark on your calendar for the third week. There will be a further letter on this matter, but this note is chiefly to get you committed in a general way on a date.

If we are to judge from interest being manifested, the Third Annual Institute will be even more stimulating and valuable than the two which preceded it.

We can, of course, offer the usual modest honorarium and take care of transportation and entertainment.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

February 12, 1946

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Since the Highlander Executive Council will not meet until spring, we are asking you to approve by mail the enclosed budget for 1946. The enclosed postal card is for your convenience, but we hope you will write us in more detail concerning any suggestions or questions you have.

Regarding the item for new buildings, a number of our large contributors have advised us, when asking for money from people outside the labor movement, to ask only for money to build the combination library and community building. Equipped, this will cost approximately $90,000.00. They think that it is better strategy to ask for money to build one unit at a time, so that people will feel they are giving to something which will be completed within a reasonable time. Therefore, we are including in the budget for 1946 only the $90,000.00 for the community and library building.

In the meantime, we will ask the unions to give to the dormitory. If unions do not raise the entire sum for the dormitory, people outside the labor movement will be much more disposed to finish out the dormitory fund after we have been successful in raising money for the other building.

Please give this proposed budget careful study. We are anxious to get it immediately into the hands of some individuals and foundations from whom we hope to get money.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston
Executive Secretary

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
1946 Budget

MAINTENANCE

Staff, personal expenses	$ 2,800.00	
Equipment, repair	800.00	
Farm, including building and labor	1,900.00	
Food	3,500.00	
Supplies	420.00	
Light and heat	610.00	
Labor	1,000.00	
Laundry	150.00	
		$ 11,180.00

ADMINISTRATIVE

Postage	$ 500.00	
Telephone and telegraph	480.00	
Addressograph and mimeograph	135.00	
Express and freight	75.00	
Printing, stationery	980.00	
Office supplies and equipment	200.00	
Community and educational supplies	210.00	
		$ 2,580.00

FIELD WORK AND TRAVEL

Recruiting students	$ 500.00	
Expenses for raising budget	3,000.00	
Car and maintenance	500.00	
General extension and conferences	865.00	
		$ 4,865.00

SPECIAL RESIDENCE SESSIONS AND SERVICES

To be paid for directly by farm and labor organizations involved	$ 9,000.00 *

MISCELLANEOUS

Capital improvements	$ 980.00	
Annuity	200.00	
Dues, donations	65.00	
Insurance	115.00	
		$ 1,360.00

BUILDING PROGRAM

Community building and library and equipment	$ 90,000.00
Total	$118,985.00

Services paid for directly by organizations	$ 9,000.00 *	
Building Fund - cash and pledges	10,069.97	
		19,069.97
TOTAL TO BE RAISED IN 1946		$ 99,915.03

Note: Unions are contributing to a special fund not included in the budget to be used for a dormitory building.

Tenn

February 18, 1946

Mr. James A. Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
212½ Union Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Let's go ahead then, as you suggested in your letter of February 6th, on the pamphlet. That means you would put out something like "Look Him in the Eye" as a Conference job, and the Council would try to work out something like what I have in mind.

I am sorry to see the proposed joint effort get no further. Let's try again.

This plan has Guy Johnson's concurrence.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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February 6, 1946

Dear George:

I think you will agree with me that we cannot adopt your suggestions without creating an entirely new pamphlet. I believe there is a need for two pamphlets, one that would make the appeal of "look him in the eye;" the other in the form of your outline, and I hope that we can find our way to publish both of them.

Since the present layout and copy is not acceptable to the Southern Regional Council, and could not very well incorporate the material that you have in mind, and since it does seem to me that this does meet an important need, I would like to try to finance its publication under the SCHW imprint.

At the same time I hope very much that you will prepare the type of pamphlet that you have indicated in your outline.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jim

James A. Dombrowski

JAD:b

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

The Board of Home Missions
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Please reply to:
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

February 22, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Wellesley Memorial Building
69 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for the substantial contribution which you made to the Saint Louis Race Relations Institute. I wish that you could have remained longer but there is no doubt that both in the morning discussion and in the afternoon interest group you proved very valuable.

It was a source of great personal pleasure to have a chance to chat with you. Best of luck in your work.

Cordially yours,

Charles

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Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

March 2, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. -- Room 432
Atlanta 3, Goergia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Dr. Johnson asked, just before leaving the office to join the other members of the Educational Commission to Japan, that I send on this letter expressing his thanks and appreciation for your acceptance of the invitation to have a part in the Third Annual Institute of Race Relations which is scheduled for the first three weeks in July.

Sincerely yours,

Bonita H. Valien
Administrative Assistant

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March 4, 1946

Rev. Mr. Fred Gates
St. Peters Episcopal Church
Columbia, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gates:

When I went back to the paper's office, Mr. Finney was out for half an hour. As the opportunity presented itself, I raised the matter of headline policies with Mr. Hastings. He was courteous about the matter. Of course, I have no means of knowing whether future headline policy will be at all influenced by my urgings.

Sorry the town had more trouble Thursday night.

Many thanks again to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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March 5, 1946

Miss Catherine Winston
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Cathy:

Myles Horton said you could tell me where Lewis Jones is.

Will you, please ma'am?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Lewis Jones
2120 Hutchins St.
Houston, Texas

Cathy is away - sorry for the delay.

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March 5, 1946

Miss Catherine Winston
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Cathy:

Myles Horton said you could tell me where Lewis Jones is.

Will you, please ma'am?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

March 7, 1946

Miss Gitel Poznanski, Senior Editor
Monthly Summary of Events and Trends in Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Miss Poznanski:

Your letter requesting another copy of the Alumnae Quarterly was received while Dr. Mitchell was out of the city.

I find only one copy of the Quarterly in our files, and I am hesitant about letting this one get away from us.

I am reasonably sure that you can obtain a copy by writing to Miss Mary Jane King, Editor, Alumnae Quarterly, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia. Be sure to specify the Autumn 1945 issue.

If this doesn't produce results, let us know, and we will see what we can do.

Sincerely,

Anna S. Warwick
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

FISK UNIVERSITY
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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF
EVENTS AND TRENDS IN
RACE RELATIONS

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February 28, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The copy of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Quarterly which you sent to Dr. Johnson early in January has either been misplaced or lost.

If at all possible, we would appreciate receiving another copy for our records.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Gitel Poznanski

Gitel Poznanski,
Senior Editor

GP:b

March 12, 1946

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
GEORGIA WORKERS EDUCATION SERVICE

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is copy of revised prospectus for GWES.

There are several bits of interesting news. The Executive Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund have approved an initial grant of $50,000 and are taking the balance of our request to their full Board meeting in April. They assure us that the Board will likely approve a grant of $40,000 for 1947-48, $30,000 for 1948-49, and $20,000 for 1949-50, making a total contribution from them of $140,000 for the period from April 1, 1946 to June 30, 1950.

Enclosed also are programs from two meetings I attended in Birmingham last week. I was elected to serve on the Executive Committee, representing Georgia, of the Southeastern Association for Adult Education. This was an interesting meeting, and I will make an oral report at our next session.

I feel now that we are getting underway and wish to enlist your fullest support and cooperation so that we may really do a job. We now have the support, and the job really needs doing.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Frank
Director

FMcC/sj
Enclosures

The South and World Affairs

Conference of the Southern Council on International Relations

TUTWILER HOTEL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
March 7-8, 1946

Chairman of the Conference: Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director, The American Association of Colleges.

Vice-Chairman: Robert A. Harwood, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Alabama.

Program

12:45 P.M. Luncheon Conference. The United States Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. Speaker, Morse Salisbury, Director of Public Relations UNRRA.

I. J. Browder, presiding.

2:15 P.M. First Session

Subject: *Public Support for the United Nations*
William M. Hepburn, Dean of the School of Law, University of Alabama, presiding.

The United Nations Association, Miss Linzer, Field Director of The United Nations Association.

The Southern Council of Churchmen. The Reverend Donald McGuire; The Reverend John W. Frazer, co-Directors.

The International program of The National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Ludd M. Spivey, President of Florida Southern College.

Community activities for promoting interest in international cooperation.

Rabbi Joseph Rauch, Chairman Louisville Branch Southern Council on International Relations.

The Southern Council on International Relations.

Keener C. Frazer, Director.

6:00 P.M. Dinner Conference. Making the Charter of the United Nations.

Malcolm W. Davis, Associate Director, The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Member of the San Francisco Conference.

John Temple Graves, presiding.

8:00 P.M. Lecture. The Fight against Isolationism.
James E. Pope, Director, The Tennessee Valley Authority, formerly United States Senator from Idaho.

Guy E. Snavely, presiding.

9:30 A.M. Second Session

Subject: The South's Foreign Trade.

Harry M. Ayers, Publisher, The Anniston Star, presiding.

The South's Interest in Foreign Trade.

John Temple Graves, editor and columnist.

International Relations and the South's Development.

W. O. Dobbins, Director, The Alabama State Planning Board; L. Vaughan Howard, Director, The Georgia Agricultural and Industrial Development Board; Felix Grisette, Director, The North Carolina State Planning Board; and others.

The Program of International House, New Orleans.

R. S. Hecht, member of the Board of International House.

12:15 P.M. Luncheon Conference. The War's Effect on the South's Latin-American Trade.

R. S. Hecht, Chairman of the Board, The Mississippi Shipping Company (Delta Line), formerly President, The American Bankers' Association.

George R. Stuart, President of Birmingham-Southern College, presiding.

2:00 P.M. Third Session.

Subject: Education and International Cooperation.

Harwell Davis, President of Howard College, presiding.

The International Education Program at the University of Miami.

Bowman F. Ashe, President, The University of Miami.

The Foreign Student in the United States.

Sturgis E. Leavitt, Director, The Inter-American Institute, The University of North Carolina.

The Inter-American program at Louisiana State University. John Thompson, Director of the Division of Inter-American Relations.

Rollins College Institute of Inter-American Relations. A. J. Hanna, Director.

4:45 P.M. Recommendations.

7:00 P.M. Dinner. (Thomas Jefferson Hotel.)

The Problems of the Peace. Lyman Bryson, Educational Director, The Columbia Broadcasting System.

Charles F. Zukoski, Jr., presiding.

(Under the auspices of the Southeastern Conference on Adult Education)

Committees of the Conference

Public Support of the United Nations.

Jas. A. Pope; E. R. Malone; Rabbi Joseph Rauch; Reverend John W. Frazer; Wm. M. Hepburn; Guy E. Snavely.

Education and International Cooperation.

Bowman F. Ashe, Chairman; A. F. Harman, President, Alabama College; Sturgis E. Leavitt; A. J. Hanna; John Thompson; Leon Sensabaugh.

The South's Foreign Trade.

W. W. Pierson, Dean, The Graduate School, University of North Carolina; R. S. Hecht; John Temple Graves; W. O. Dobbins.

Local Arrangements for the Conference.

I. J. Browder, Chairman; Frazer Banks; John Bryan; Miss Lila Mae Chapman; Charles M. Feidelson; Thad Holt; E. A. Lowe; Mrs. Ray Meade; Mrs. I. R. Oberchain; Charles F. Zukoski, Jr.

Please make all advance reservations for the luncheon and dinner conferences through the office of Mr. I. J. Browder, Director, the University of Alabama Center, Birmingham.

A registration desk will be maintained at Conference Headquarters. Literature on display is available to members of the Conference.

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

SOUTHERN COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Box 597
Chapel Hill, N. C.

GEORGIA WORKERS EDUCATION SERVICE

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Representatives of the public, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have formed an association, the Georgia Workers Education Service, with headquarters in Atlanta.

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Thomas W. Culpepper, President, Atlanta Division, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL

Kenneth Douty, Georgia Director, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO

Charles H. Gillman, Regional Director, CIO

George L. Googe, Southern Representative, AFL

John A. Griffin, (invited) Assistant to the President, Emory University

Carmen Lucia, International Representative, United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers International Union, AFL

George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Services, Southern Regional Council

James Moore, President, Atlanta Local, United Transport Service Employees of America, CIO

Ira De A. Reid, Atlanta University

Thomas J. Starling, Southern Regional Director, International Union of Automobile, Aircraft & Agricultural Implement Workers of America, CIO

Paul L. Styles, Regional Director, National Labor Relations Board

Artie White, Atlanta Representative, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL

The Executive Committee is the governing board, having full charge of policy and program, raising and expenditure of funds, hiring and retaining personnel. Meetings are held at least once monthly. All members serve without compensation.

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Program and Planning Committee is to work with the Director in formulating plans to present to the Executive Committee. Miss Agnes Martocci, Georgia Educational Director, Textile Workers Union of America, is chairman and is to be assisted by Miss Lucia, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Reid from the Executive Committee.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Invitations are being issued to a number of civic and community organizations to delegate representatives on an Advisory Council. These include: YWCA, YMCA, League of Women Voters, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Committee for Georgia, State Board of Education, Georgia Academy of

Social Sciences, Citizens Fact-Finding Movement of Georgia, Urban League, Business and Professional Women's Club, NAACP, Anti-Defamation League, Georgia Conference on Social Welfare, Workmen's Circle, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Department of Labor), U. S. Conciliation Service, Regional Wage Stabilization Board, Bureau of Agricultural Economics (Department of Agriculture).

This Council will meet periodically with the Executive Committee to review the work being done and make suggestions for improving the Service. Members will serve without pay.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Professional leaders in the field of workers' education are being asked to serve on a Consultative Committee to aid in developing the most effective and workable program. This Committee will be called together with the Director once or twice a year to review a progress report and offer constructive criticism of the program and techniques being used.

The Executive Committee has authorized the Director to invite the following people to serve on the Consultative Committee:

Jack Barbash, Consulting Labor Economist

Eleanor Coit, Director, American Labor Education Service

John Connors, Director, Workers Education Bureau of America

Kermit Eby, Director, Education and Research Department, CIO

Arthur Elder, Director, Extension Division, Workers Education, University of Michigan

Clinton Golden, Assistant to the President, United Steelworkers of America, CIO

Brownee Lee Jones, Director, Southern School for Workers

Laurence Rogin, Educational Director, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO

Ernest Schwartztrauber, Director of the School for Workers, University of Wisconsin

Hilda W. Smith, Chairman, The Committee for the Extension of LaborEducation

Mark Starr, Education Director, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL

Jack Zeller, Education Director, United Automobile Workers, CIO

The members of this Committee will be asked to serve without compensation but will be repaid expenses incurred in attending meetings.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the association is to provide a workers' education service for the State of Georgia to be administered without discrimination against any person or group. There is general agreement among those participating on the grave need that exists in Georgia today for realistic socio-economic education of the people as workers, consumers, and citizens.

The group agrees that an educational program can be devised which will meet this need, and which can be so directed as to accomplish a threefold purpose: (1) to bring about more effective functioning of trade union members within their respective organizations and their respective communities; (2) to develop a more intelligent appreciation of the common interests of organized labor and the community as a whole; and (3) to promote better human relations within the union movement and between the unions and the general public.

Such a program designed to promote understanding among all workers will, of course, be conducted without discrimination against any person or group. Its content and approach will be so oriented as to raise the level of public understanding of economic, social, and political problems, to develop awareness of the bonds of interest between agricultural and industrial workers, and to stimulate among the youth of Georgia an intelligent interest in social, political, and economic issues.

The Georgia Workers Education Service, with such purpose and objectives as here defined, will draw upon all the techniques and resources developed within recent years in the field of adult education and will make such original contribution to the literature in the field as it develops in the course of its activity.

It is proposed to launch the program at once. Several weeks will be spent in setting up offices, securing personnel, and doing the planning necessary to insure efficient functioning.

The work will expand and develop during the year and should be in full swing by early fall.

It is hoped that support can be secured for at least three years' work so that the program can prove itself and there will be some chance of its being adopted in whole or in part by the labor movement and interested public-minded citizens.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

1. Provision of educational services to unions through organized discussion groups dealing with the role of unions as collective bargaining agents, the relationship of the trade union movement to the general social scene, the historical contribution of the labor movement to the democratic way of life, and training for participation in community affairs.

2. Provision for study and practice in the processes of democratic organizations through classes in parliamentary procedure, effective public speaking, and responsible handling of grievances.

3. Stimulation of cultural and recreational activities for unionists through the use of dramatics groups, games, visual aids, radio, singing groups, and, possibly, the comprehensive

collection of labor and folk songs into one song book.

4. Organization of short-term institutes for specialized training of local union officers, staff members, and active union members who show promise of leadership.

5. Undertaking of special studies designed to bring about awareness of community needs and possible remedial measures. "Health in Textile Communities" might be such a special study.

6. An analysis of Georgia's social and economic needs, and promotion of a program of community action for better social legislation.

7. Conducting a practical arts workshop to equip people with the skills necessary for writing effective leaflets, news stories for the labor press, general press releases, articles, and radio scripts.

8. Development of ways and means to bring about a better working relationship between the labor movement and the press.

9. Preparation and distribution of literature to the rural areas of the state to effect the closer understanding of the common interests of agricultural and industrial workers.

10. Stimulation among students and out-of-school youth of an awareness and interest in social, economic, and political issues.

11. Promotion of a movement to broaden the composition of the administrative boards of the public school system so that they may truly represent all elements of the community.

12. Maintenance in the headquarters of the Georgia Workers Education Service of a circulating library of books, magazines, pamphlets, and newspapers relating to the objectives of the program.

13. Conducting of public forums and conferences from time to time directed toward the achievement of this program.

14. Providing spot lectures for union meetings.

15. Furnishing packets of pamphlets on social and economic issues to groups which cannot be serviced directly.

16. Establishing a film library.

17. Promotion of radio programs and radio discussion groups.

18. Preparation, publication, and distribution of educational materials dealing with methods and techniques found to be effective by Georgia Workers Education Service in carrying out its purposes.

19. Forming a cooperative working arrangement with community organizations having a similar or sympathetic outlook on social and economic issues.

GEORGIA WORKERS EDUCATION SERVICE

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FIRST YEAR

		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
I.	**SALARIES**		
	1. Director	$ 5,000	$ 6,000
	2a. Field Program Leader	3,600	4,000
	b. Field Program Leader	3,600	4,000
	c. Field Program Leader	3,600	4,000
	3. Director of Materials, Research and Publications	3,600	4,000
	4. Office Secretary	2,000	2,400
	5a. Clerks - Stenographers	1,600	2,000
	b. Clerks - Stenographers	1,600	2,000
	TOTAL.....	$24,600	$28,400
II.	**FIELD EXPENSES**		
	6. Travel	10,000	12,500
	7. Per Diem Expenses for Field Services @ $5.00 - $7.00 200 days	1,000	1,400
	250 days	1,250	1,750
	8. Instructors and Demonstrators Part-Time; Honorarium Basis	7,500	10,000
	TOTAL.....	$19,750	$25,650
III.	**MATERIALS**		
	9. Printing and Publishing	3,000	5,000
	10. Audio-Visual Materials	2,000	2,500
	11. Maintenance of Circulating Library	500	1,000
	12. Film Library	250	500
	TOTAL.....	$ 5,750	$ 9,000
IV.	**OFFICE MAINTENANCE**		
	Rent	2,400	3,000
	Telephone	500	750
	Postage	1,000	1,000
	Miscellaneous - Including Furniture	1,500	2,000
	TOTAL.....	$ 5,400	$ 6,750
V.	Summer Conference of Union Officials and Public Representatives	1,500	2,000
VI.	Contingencies	500	500
	TOTAL.....	$57,500	$72,300
	AVERAGE.....	$64,900	

Tenn

March 12, 1946

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
212½ Union Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Here is some material we had in the files, now old.

The Army could supply you with the whole series.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Feb. 26, 1946

Dear George:

Do you have any factual information at hand that you would pass on to us to strengthen the text of "Look Him in the Eye". There will not be room for much additional material, but some text can be dropped...in order to carry certain basic figures.

Virginia Beecher writes that you and other SRC personnel in Virginia have been most helpful in her "spade work" there. Glad to hear you have a committee in Miss.

Regards,

I like the new format of the paper.

Tenn

March 13, 1946

Mr. W. J. McGlothlin, Chief
Training and Educational Relations Staff
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McGlothlin:

I would like to know whether I could get some help from your service when it gets going on films preaching on-the-job training and on-the-farm training for veterans? I want it for everybody and, particularly, for Negro veterans.

Perhaps, when the service is established with firm policies and secretarial help, somebody could write in further about this need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

THE FIFTH SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADULT EDUCATION

TUTWILER HOTEL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

March 7, 8, 9, 1946

Sponsored by

American Association for Adult Education

Southeastern Association for Adult Education

Southern Council on International Relations

PROGRAM

Thursday Morning, March 7 — 10:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Introductory Remarks—Russell M. Grumman, Chairman of the Conference Committee

Presentation and Discussion of Significant Adult Education Projects in the South, including:

"Rural Adult Education"—Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ogden, Directors, Special Projects in Adult Education, University of Virginia

"Opportunity Schools"—Miss Wil Lou Gray, Supervisor of Adult Schools, State Department of Education, South Carolina

"Public Administration"—Roscoe C. Martin, Director, Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, University of Alabama

Luncheon Session — 12:45 P.M.

(With Southern Council on International Relations)

"The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration" — Morse Salisbury, Director of Public Relations, UNRRA

Thursday Afternoon, March 7 — 2:30-5:00 P.M.

Presiding: R. E. Tidwell, Dean, Extension Division, University of Alabama; Regional Vice-President, NEA Department of Adult Education

"Adult Education for Veterans"—Leland P. Bradford, Executive Secretary, Veterans Education Council, Department of Adult Education, National Education Association

Discussion

Dinner Session — 6:00 P.M.

(With Southern Council)

"Making the United Nations Charter"—Malcolm W. Davis, Associate Director, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; member of the San Francisco Conference

Thursday Evening, March 7 — 8:00 P.M.

(With Southern Council)

Presiding: Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director, Association of American Colleges

"The Fight Against Isolationism"—James Pope, former Senator from Idaho; Director TVA

Friday Morning, March 8 — 10:00 A.M.

Presiding: J. R. Morton, Director, Continuation Education, University of Alabama; Secretary of the Conference Committee

"The Organization of Adult Education at the National, Regional, State, and Community Levels"—Morse A. Cartwright, Director, American Association for Adult Education

Discussion

Friday Afternoon, March 8 — 2:30 P.M.

Presiding: W. H. Ward, Director, Extension Division, University of South Carolina

"New Tools for Learning"—Raymond C. Lewis, Director, New Tools for Learning, New York City

Discussion

"The Southern Film Production Service"—W. J. McGlothlin, Chief, Training and Educational Relations Staff, Tennessee Valley Authority

Discussion

Dinner Session — 7:00 P.M. — Thomas Jefferson Hotel

Presiding: Charles F. Zukoski, Vice-President, First National Bank, Birmingham; Representing Birmingham Committee on Foreign Affairs

"Problems of the Peace"—Lyman Bryson, President, American Association for Adult Education, and Educational Director, Columbia Broadcasting System

Discussion

Motion Picture—"Dumbarton Oaks" (This film was prepared by the Department of State for the preparation of U. S. delegates to the San Francisco Conference.)

Saturday Morning, March 9 — 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: I. J. Browder, Director of the University of Alabama Center in Birmingham

"Resource-Use Education"—John E. Ivey, Executive Secretary, The Committee on Southern Regional Studies and Education of the American Council on Education

Discussion

"Studies in Readability of Adult Education Materials"—Paul Irvine, Professor of Education, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Report of Conference Committees

Election of Officers

Conference Committee

Russell M. Grumman, *Chairman*
Director, University of North Carolina Extension Division

J. R. Morton, *Secretary*
Director, Continuation Education, University of Alabama Extension Division

K. C. Frazer, Director, Southern Council on International Relations

Wil Lou Gray, Supervisor of Adult Schools, South Carolina Department of Education

Jess S. Ogden, Special Projects in Adult Education, University of Virginia

R. E. Tidwell, Dean, Extension Division, University of Alabama; Regional Vice-President, NEA Department of Adult Education

W. H. Ward, Director, University of South Carolina Extension Division

Committee on Local Arrangements

I. J. Browder, *Chairman*
Director, University of Alabama Center

John Bryan, Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools

Frazer Banks, Superintendent, Birmingham Public Schools

Leon F. Sensabaugh, Professor of History, Birmingham-Southern College

Mrs. I. R. Obenchain, Dean of Women, Howard College, and Chairman of the Committee on International Relations of the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women

E. A. Lowe, Administrative Assistant, Medical and University Centers

Charles F. Zukoski, Vice-President, First National Bank

Charles N. Feidelson, Editorial Writer, Birmingham News

Thad Holt, Managing Director, Radio Station WAPI

Mrs. Ray Meade, State Commander of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society

Miss Lila May Chapman, Director, Birmingham Public Library

Exhibit of Adult Education Literature

An exhibit of literature on adult education will be located near the conference rooms in the Tutwiler Hotel.

The Conference registration fee is one dollar.

Tenn

March 18, 1946

Dr. Giles Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

Very many thanks for Mr. Gunter's name. I have written him as enclosed. Thanks also for the list. Enclosed on it, too.

Nobody has sent me my back numbers of the MODERN FARMER yet.

Here's hoping the next few weeks will get me to Nashville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. My secretary tells me she wrote you way back yonder for copies of the January, February, and June, 1945, issues, missing from our files. This request still stands.

Fisk University
Nashville, 8, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES

March 16, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 423
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am recommending Mr. Marcus Gunter for the work you mentioned in Tennessee. His address is 916 First Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee.* Mr. Gunter is a veteran having reached the status of Warrant Officer and served in the European-African theater of war. He is an embalmer by training and a musician as a strong avocation.✓ During his stay in the army he organized several bands and orchestras in the armed forces. Mr. Gunter is well known throughout Tennessee and comes from a well known family. He has a good personality and is an excellent mixer. I think he is the man for the job. You may contact him directly at the above address or through me.

I am enclosing herewith a list of Negro Economists in southern colleges who would probably be interested in membership in the Southern Economic Association as per your request of February 18. I am already a member of the Association although I expect my dues are a little delinquent. In fact I had planned to be at the meeting this year but was called to the National Land Tenure Conference in Chicago at that time. I am very much interested in Negro's participation in the Association and will do all that I can to help stimulate such participation.

Sincerely yours,

Giles A. Hubert

gah:h

*Telephone: 6-5706

✓graduate of Tuskegee Institute

Age: 28

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 18, 1946

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am taking the liberty of sending your letter of March 13 to Mr. Nicholas C. Read, of the National Film Board of Canada, who has been selected as Director of the film production service. I am sure he will wish to follow it up when he reports to duty on May 1.

The Service has adopted the policy that it will make films only for tax-supported public agencies, which in your case would mean you would have to work through some such agency if the Service were to assist you. I am sure, however, that this could be worked out satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. McGlothlin
Chairman, Board of Directors
Southern Educational Film
Production Service

CC: Nicholas C. Read (with attachment)

Tour

March 23, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

You remember we were talking about Hinton Rowan Helper. I picked up this article on him.

A sad end to his thought.

I still believe there is meat in him for what you are trying to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

April 2, 1946

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Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear George:

The Executive Council of Highlander Folk School will hold its annual meeting on Friday, April 12, 1946, at the Ross Hotel in Chattanooga. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. We urge every Council member to be there on time so we can get through our business and adjourn by 5 p.m.

1946 is a very important year for Highlander. Not only do we want to broaden our present program, but we want to provide for a greatly expanded program in the future by raising money for an enlarged plant.

We are anxious to contribute in every possible way to the Southern organizational drive. Our organizational and educational work with the Farmers Union is well underway.

Plans made at this meeting, therefore, will be of great significance in determining Highlander's future program.

Enclosed is a proposed agenda. We hope you will give it careful consideration before the meeting.

We are asking you to make your own hotel reservations in Chattanooga -- and are looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston

Give my regard to Mrs. Mitchell. Enjoyed so much staying at your house

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
APRIL 28, 1946

-- Elect secretary of meeting

-- Approve agenda

-- 1945 Activities Report

-- 1946 Program
  - Residence terms
    - CIO terms
    - Special union terms - FTA, UEWA, UEA, AFTW, UPWA, UAW
    - Labor journalism
  - Field Program
    - Classes in Chattanooga, etc.
  - Programs with Tennessee groups
  - Tennessee Farmers Union
  - Program with Negro groups
  - Community program in relation to other phases of the school's work

-- 1945 Financial Report

-- 1946 Budget

-- Building Program
  - building plans
  - revised costs
  - fund-raising

-- Election of chairman for 1946

Jean

April 4, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I have two or three copies of Weaver's book, and am sending you an extra one for the library.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Copy sent 4-3-46

Tenn

April 8, 1946

Miss Catherine Winston
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Cathy:

I am sorry but I can't get to the Executive Council meeting on Friday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

April 10, 1946

Mr. Merl R. Eppse, Chairman
Program Committee
Association of Social Science Teachers in Negro Schools
Tennessee A. & I. State College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eppse:

I'll be glad to take part in the meeting at Atlanta University May 3rd - 10:15 A.M.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tennessee A. and I. State College
Division of Liberal Arts
Nashville 8, Tennessee

8 April 1946

Dr George S Mitchell, Director
Veterans' Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr Mitchell:

The Association of Social Science Teachers in Negro Schools will hold their 11th annual meeting in the Exhibit Room, University Library, Atlanta University Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th.

As chairman of the program committee, I would be pleased to have you to address the meeting at 10:15 Friday morning, May 3rd on the topic, "Changing Southern Patterns in Race Relations as Viewed by the Southern Regional Council" with special reference as to your special interest labor and veterans.

It greatly help me to hear from you soon. I hope that you will be able to give us at least 20 minutes on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Merl R Eppse, Chairman
Program Committee

Tenn

April 11, 1946

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
212½ Union Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the clipping.

Somebody else picked it up and I have another copy, so I willingly return the one you were good enough to send.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

- Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building 212½ Union St
Nashville 3, Tennessee

April 8, 1946

Dear George:

Please note and return.

Sincerely,

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April 11, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Thanks for your letter of April 2nd.

I have recently employed a Negro veteran to cover Tennessee. He is Mr. Marcus H. Gunter, 916 First Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee.

I have written him to get in touch with Mrs. Carnahan when he is in Knoxville about readjustment allowances.

I am very sorry that I can't get to the board meeting on Friday.

You know I am at your service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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LEWIS JONES

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April 2, 1946

Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn ave, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George,

I have only had time to glance at the article you sent me but I have seen enough to want to read it carefully. Thanks very much for sending it to me.

I was in Knoxville last week and Mrs. Mary Cornihan (wife of Bill Cornihan who is helping with the Southern Farmer) said you should investigate the readjustment allotments for negro veterans in Tennessee under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Mary is secretary for the American Legion post in Knoxville.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you at the Executive Council meeting in Chattagnooga on April 12th.

Cordially,

Myles Horton

Tenn

April 11, 1946

Mr. Bill Ellmuss
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ellmuss:

I suggest when you are next in Atlanta you call by my office. I have a good deal material in the files about various veterans organizations, and I would like to discuss with you the whole series of problems involved in the administration of veterans benefits on a fair basis in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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April 1, 1946

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We haven't met yet, but I am sure we will in the near future. I was on the Highlander staff some years ago, and after three years in the Army which included a long trip to Italy, I finally returned. My work here will be chiefly with inter-racial and minority groups and southern veterans' organizations.

Presently the School is beginning to collect material on veterans' activities in the South. We hope to prepare eventually a simple, clear outline of veterans' activities in our part of the country and I would much appreciate any material or information you can send me. The intended outline (in pamphlet form) will offer a fair explanation of the different organizations, old and new, as well as an expose of undemocratic groups that are anti-labor or trying to foster prejudice.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Elkuss

Bill Elkuss

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

April 21, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am obliged to you for sending me a copy of the April issue of Pulse magazine with the article on "Job Training." I want to refer this to the Summary staff on the chance of getting pointed up the opportunity to which your article refers.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

csj-j

April 22, 1946

Mr. H. L. Mitchell
166 Monroe Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear H. L.:

Recently in Washington I ran across an official carbon copy of a letter from the Veterans Administration to Senator Fulbright about opportunities for croppers and laborers to get on-the-farm training. The letter was written March 11th, and apparently concerned correspondence received by the Senator from a number of sharecroppers at Blytheville, Arkansas.

I assume your fine Italian hand therein.

I would like a copy of whatever Fulbright sent the folks at Blytheville, if you have it lying about the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ~~FOR THE SOUTH~~

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22 April 1946

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
75 Ivy Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

Your attention may have been called to a remark made by Van A. Bittner, in charge of the CIO organizing drive in the South. In a press conference last week, Mr. Bittner said the CIO would run its own organizing drive without help or interference from any outside group. He mentioned the Southern Conference specifically.

I have since talked with Mr. Bittner and have been assured that he has only the friendliest feeling for the Southern Conference. The reference to us was apparently the result of an unfortunate criticism made by one of our staff to the CIO.

Mr. Bittner suggested, and I agreed, that any problems or suggestions affecting the South Conference, arising as the result of the CIO drive, be handled between Mr. Bittner for the CIO and me for the Southern Conference. Of course I have explained to Mr. Bittner, and to others who have questioned me, that the Southern Conference takes no sides in intra-union or inter-union matters. We have three AFL members on our Board, three CIO members, and one from the Brotherhoods. Our policy, as I understand it, is that we are in favor of organized labor and believe the South would be greatly benefited by an increase in the number of people who join unions. For your information, we have received $1000 from the CIO this year. We have, in addition, received contributions from various AFL and CIO national and international unions. In no year since I have been President has the total contribution from all labor unions amounted to more than approximately one-third our budget.

Yours sincerely,

CLARK FOREMAN
President

P.S. This letter is being sent to all members of the Board. I am dictating it by phone before leaving on a 10-day trip to the South. I think it too important to delay until my return and have therefore authorized it to be sent without my signature.

CF

Tenn

April 29, 1946

Mr. H. Price, President
Le Moyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Price:

Mr. Marcus Gunter wrote me about his visit with you. He said you and others were anxious to get a trade school going in Memphis for Negro veterans.

The same problem is coming up all over the South. A push is being made to get one in Arkansas. People in Mississippi tried but did not get very far. The move is on in Richmond. Atlanta will doubtless expand its trade education for Negroes, etc.

I can offer several bits of advice:

An easy way to get impressive evidence that Negro veterans want trade training is to build up the number of applications for job training and/or vocational education.

If anybody has the time and energy, it would be smart to get from the Draft Boards the names and addresses of all the Negro veterans who have come back and interview them and tabulate their wishes. The Urban League might do this, or a Negro veterans organization, or it might be done with the help of a Negro Chamber of Commerce or business group. It would also be a suitable enterprise for a sociology class at Le Moyne.

If Walter Chandler and his intimates could be persuaded, you can get the school. I don't think you can get it unless you do persuade him. As you know better than I, they have in the past played ball pretty closely with the AFL, which is probably less cordially disposed toward trade education than the CIO would be. However, I learned

a year or so ago that the powers that be in Memphis are not without an interest in increasing the CIO vote. My suggestion would be that you have a committee call on Chandler and that you work with Negro members of the AFL to obtain a resolution from the AFL urging it, and that you have someone get hold of Mr. W. A. Copeland of the CIO in Memphis, and get them to help you push.

I have always understood that your Shelby County Superintendent of Schools is a progressive person.

It would be highly desirable to have the American Legion and other veterans groups sponsoring the moves.

I hope we can renew our association before long.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE
212½ Union Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

MEMORANDUM TO: Board of Representatives, SCHW.

FROM: James A. Dombrowski

SUBJECT: Meeting of Board of Representatives, Tuesday, April 30.

The following members have indicated that they are planning to be present at the meeting of the Board in Nashville on the 30th: Foreman, Christopher, Durr, Taylor, Bethune, Burnham, Fuller, Lawrence, Mason, May, Mitchell, Plunk, Ira Reid.

We have not heard from the following: Graham, Dunjee, Mitch, Hollis Reid, Brown, Clement, Collier, Davis, Johnson, Thompson, Prohl.

Will all members of the Board kindly indicate whether or not they would like for us to make hotel reservations for them. The meeting will convene at 10:00 AM, place to be designated later. It is possible that because of an acute shortage of hotel space in Nashville the meeting will have to be held in Atlanta. Please indicate if this is inconvenient to you.

There will be a meeting of our field staff on the 29th, and subject to the approval of the Board I am inviting the staff to meet with the Board Tuesday morning.

Tenn

April 30, 1946

Mr. H. L. Mitchell, President
National Farm Labor Union
166 Monroe Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear H. L.:

Here is something I wrote afresh for your paper. Many thanks for being willing to carry it.

My title should be Director of Veterans Services, Southern Regional Council, Inc., 63 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

NATIONAL FARM LABOR UNION
166 MONROE AVENUE • MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MAILING ADDRESS
BOX 443
MEMPHIS 1, TENN.

April 24, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear George:

I fear I did not directly inspire the letters to the Veterans Administration about farm training for sharecroppers as farm laborers, however, we have sent out certain information about opportunities offered to veterans under the G.I. Bill and this may have been one of the results.

I will make inquiries and see if I can locate Senator Fulbright's reply to the people at Blytheville.

I enclose a copy of our monthly newspaper. Would you write an article of about 600 words for me giving more accurate information on the farm training program? We would like to have it signed by you if possible. Our paper reaches 8,000 people each month and I would like to have it by May 15th.

With kindest regards I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Mitchell

H.L. Mitchell
President

HLM:dd

Tenn

May 1, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Here is an extra copy I have of Brazeal's book on the Pullman Porters -- coming along separately.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

May 1, 1946

Dr. Giles Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

I am still not receiving any copies of the Honorable the MODERN FARMER.

Would you cock up, please, and see what the trouble is?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

The last issue we received was June 1945. We need all these missing copies. Additionally, we gave away our January '45, February '45 & June 1945 issues and would like to have them replaced.

INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
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NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR

HOPE DENNIS, SECRETARY

May 7, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of May 6.

We had already noted with some dismay, the error which appeared in the preliminary announcement of the Institute of Race Relations in connection with the listing of your title. You may be sure that the second edition will carry the necessary correction.

Sincerely yours,

Hope Dennis

hd-r

Tenn

May 6, 1946

Miss Hope Dennis, Secretary
Institute of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Dennis:

Just on the wild shot that there may be a second edition of the announcement of the Third Institute of Race Relations, I would like to be carried in the "Partial List of Lectures, Consultants and Discussion Leaders" by my present title of Director of Veterans Services, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

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IN SERVICE

LEWIS JONES

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FRED C. PIEPER

May 13, 1946

Dear Friend:

"Unless farmers and laborers can understand each other and work together, as their mutual interests indicate, grave danger is ahead!"

A statement, including the sentence quoted above, was recently signed by more than a score of Tennessee ministers of all denominations. The necessity for farmer-labor cooperation has also been recognized by organized labor and the Farmers Union. The state AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods are all on record as favoring cooperation with the farmers.

The Farmers Union has endorsed "cooperation with other people's organizations in areas of agreement, which policy has proved its value in saving programs of vital importance to farm people."

At the request of labor and farm leaders a two-day conference has been called for May 25 and 26 at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. Attendance is not limited to representatives of organizations. Everyone interested in farmer-labor cooperation is invited. Provision for housing and meals will be made at the school for all who notify us. Those who desire to do so may make reservations at the Monteagle or Maplehurst hotels.

The conference will start at 10:00 A.M. Saturday and end at 3:30 P.M. Sunday.

The principle address will be given at 1:30 P.M. Sunday by Aubrey Williams, Editor of the Southern Farmer, Montgomery, Ala. The remainder of the conference will be devoted to reports on activities and plans for further cooperation. Everyone will have an opportunity to take part in the discussion.

There will be singing and recreation, and on Sunday a barbecue.

Come and bring someone else who wants to see a better understanding between farmers and city workers.

Cordially yours,

Myles Horton

Myles Horton, Director
Highlander Folk School

Tenn

May 16, 1946

Mr. Louis Shocket
Jewish Community Center
525 Temple Court Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Louis:

The other day I started wiring you and phoning you in Buffalo to see if you could dig me up a bed for the twenty-second and twenty-third of May. I have to go up there for the social workers meeting. They told me finally that you had left Buffalo and gone to Alabama. Tennessee and Alabama are about the same to Buffalo, I guess.

Welcome to this neighborhood.

I have a job with the Southern Regional Council, as you will see. My home is at 906 Lullwater Road, NE. Telephone, Dearborn 5961. I have always got a bed there for you if you come to town.

Now that we are close by, let's get together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w
P.S. Alice and I and the children, and Morris and his wife and small son, all drove up to Montreat, N. C., over the weekend for a visit with Father. He is well and in fine spirits.

Tenn

May 20, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Fold School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I got the notice the other day of the Farmer-Labor Conference. I hankered then to be there. I just don't see how I can make it. I have to go to Buffalo by plane and will be traveling all day the 22nd, speaking on the 23rd, and traveling again the 24th. A weekend of driving would be just too much.

What you and the Conference will be doing will find a place in whatever history is eventually written of progress in these Southern States.

It is fine that Stanley Rice is close to you. He is a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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LEWIS JONES
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Maynl8, 1946

Dear George;

We would be mighty prowd to have you take part in our Farmer-Labor conference at Highlander May 25-26. Most of the time will be devoted to discussion. We are usig Aubrey for a drawing card.

A few days ago I found that Mr. Rice (Brownsville FSA man you told me about) was our new FSA man in Franklin county. Had taken linders place. He wants me to let him know the next time you are to be at Highlander.

We have a good CIO term underway and would like tof the students to know you. There has been some rough sailing on the Negro-White student problem but think we have it licked. Hit the boys from Arkansaw (Oil workers) right between the eyes.

Hope you can make it next week-end.

Myles

P. S. We have set up a 7 man state Farmers Union committee which will meet in Nashville, Tulane Hotel, May 24 from 9 to 5.

Tenn

May 22, 1946

Mr. L. D. Williams, Editor
GLOBE & INDEPENDENT
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

I notice in the May 4th issue of The Alabama Citizen and the Tuscaloosa Weekly Review a news story on page 2 as follows:

"ENROLLED ON THE JOB TRAINING

The following is a list of veterans who are successfully employed on-the-job training program in Tuscaloosa, Ala. When will we hit the 1000 mark?"

(Here follow names of trainees broken down by skills being learned, as auto mechanic - 19 names, plumbing - 5 names, stockman - 1 name, brickmason - 2 names, dry cleaning - 3 names, butchering - 1 name, slaughtering - 1 name, cement finishing - 1 name, moulding - 1 name, mortician - 1 name, and others, including shoe repair, carpentry, newspaper, and painting.)

It is assumed that all of those listed were Negro veterans. This looks like good and useful news. Could you use this device for your paper? This gives the papers a very good opportunity to help their own readers get trained for better jobs, and, incidentally, it would be a bit of a circulation builder.

It would mean a weekly visit by a reporter to the local official in charge of job training to get a list of the Negro trainees. That in itself would do good. Your reporter might have to be pretty persistent to get the list, but in most places it could be gotten.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Sent to a list of twenty Negro newspapers borrowed from Council files.

Tenn

May 31, 1946

Dr. Giles Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

I enjoyed the brief visit last Tuesday. I did not realize that the "Fireside Chats" meeting was to be in Mississippi. That changes matters a bit. Therefore, if that is all right with you, I will send Mr. Harry Wright and Mr. Marcus Gunter as the two representatives.

I am writing each of them that I hope they will go.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Texas

June 5, 1946

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
212½ Union Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I forgot to tell you the other day that a neighbor of ours in Atlanta is an old friend of yours. She was Sara Carter, now Mrs. Massey. Her husband is a physician here. She told Alice, I believe, that she was in college with you. She had heard that I was to go to Nashville for the board meeting, and she asked particularly to be remembered to you.

I have been thinking about the illustrated item you showed me about unions. You remember that I thought the emphasis on higher wages was not the best strategy at this particular turn. Maybe the thing to do would be to turn it toward getting rid of substandard southern wages or getting rid of the southern differential. I have been trying to find short words for that idea, but they don't come. Maybe - "Bring Southern wages up to USA levels". That is not good, but that is the notion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

June 5, 1946

Mr. H. L. Mitchell
Box 443
Memphis 1, Tennessee

Dear H. L.:

Thanks for the letter from Mr. Reuben H. Thompson of Rome, Georgia, and the copy of your reply of May 30, 1946. One of my agents here is a member of the Georgia Veterans League, a Negro veterans group which happens to have a chapter at Rome. We are trying to get the matter taken up through that group.

If that doesn't straighten the matter out we will try to do something further.

I appreciate your letting me know about this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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Dr George:

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May 30, 1946

Reuben H. Thompson
221 E. 12th. St.
Rome, Ga.

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of recent date.

My advice to you is to go back to the office where you originally filed your claim and tell them that you wish to appeal your case. They will ask you some more questions and fill out a form and sent it in themselves to the State Appeal Board. Meanwhile, we are having your case taken up by the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga.

Please be assured that we will do all within our power to see that you get justice in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

H.L. Mitchell
President

HLM:dd
cc: Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council

221-E-K St
Rome-Ga
May 7, 1946

The National Farm Labor Union

Dear Sir I read in your April Farm Labor News that you would help veterans who need help.
This is my reason for asking.

I am a colored veteran 26 years old I went into the army in 1941 before Pearl Norbour was bombed, and was Hornable discharged in Dec 1945 I spent 4 years 2 months and 26 days in the service in which 2½ years were overseas in the south Pacific and the Philippine Island.
about 2 yeass before I went in the army I was a dishwasher in a cafe but doing my time in the army I trained for truckdriving and that is all I did.
I have been out of the army five months. about a month ago I went to the U.S. Emplopment Service Office to apply for a jobs of truck driving but I couldnt get one then they wanted to give me a job washing dishes but I didnt except because cafe jobs here dont pay enough and I have a mother to support.

(3)

Then they wanted to send me to a foundry I have not done anything like that and I am not able to.
I put in for unemployment pay but I failed to get it.
I am not asking them to give me anything if I could get the kind of job I am capable of doing.
Most of the white boys get the unemployment with ease but very few colored get it.
And I would like to know why I can't get it until I get a job. I wish you would help me if possible.
The name of the employment office I went to is U.S. Employment Service
522 Broad St
Rome Ga

yours truly

Reuben H Thompson
921-E-12th St

Rome, Ga

(3)

June 5, 1946

Mr. Giles Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hubert:

I have just returned to Atlanta from Arkansas; I had a successful visit over there.

Thanks for your invitation to the Southeastern and Southwestern Fireside Chats, at the Gulfside Association, Waveland, Mississippi, July 11, 12,13, and 14. I have Dr. Mitchell's permission to accept your invitation.

My best personal wishes to you and Mrs. Hubert.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Wright

HLW:w

Tenn

June 5, 1946

Mr. H. L. Mitchell
Box 443
Memphis 1, Tennessee

Dear H. L.:

A man working for me has made two visits recently to Helena, Arkansas. He found a good many bad conditions affecting Negro veterans. The town and its surrounding country seem to afford little employment and almost none of a desirable kind for the Negro veterans. Gambling is a big industry, and many veterans aided by the twenty dollars a week are putting in full time at that. Apparently, either the town or its officials get considerable revenue out of the gambling. My agent thought he noticed low morale and deterioration.

It occurred to me that some migration to opportunities elsewhere might be useful and corrective.

An informed Negro citizen in the town is Dr. R. Dan Miller.

Maybe you will not have any opportunity to see whether your interest in farm employment in the east could be fitted to the situation at Helena. On the other hand, maybe you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

June 6, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

What developments, if any, about the camp for kids this summer?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Southern Conference for Human Welfare
506-507 Presbyterian Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

June 8, 1946

Dear George:

Thank you for the message from Sarah Carter. I remember her very well. She and her family were very close friends while I was at Emory. Please extend my warm greetings to Sarah.

I appreciate your taking the time to think about the chart that I showed to you; however, in the meantime we had to go to press.

Sincerely yours,

Tenn

June 11, 1946

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
212½ Union Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

A potential recruit to the Committee for Tennessee is Miss Mary Munger Roberts, 211 Roland Avenue, Jackson, Tennessee.

She is a sister of a man I know here who is active in the AVC. She is not particularly political, but she could be. I talked to her and told her I was going to try to get her invited into the Committee for Tennessee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

June 11, 1946

Dr. H. C. Nixon
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear H.C.:

Many thanks for your excellent speech on the hill country. If we can ever get a united voice from the hills, we will move.

I have sent my copy with a commending letter to Jim Folsom.

Could you mail me two more copies, so I can always have one around?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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June 20, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I found your letters upon my return from a two weeks trip which took me through Atlanta. I called your office but you were away the day I was there.

I will have some one contact Dr. Miller at Helena and we may be able to do something there. A number of workers who have been out on the migratory jobs have come from Helena but we do not have a functioning organization in the community.

I enclose a copy of our paper carrying the article you wrote for us.

Sincerely,

H. L. Mitchell

H.L. Mitchell
President

HLM:dd

Tenn

June 21, 1946

Miss Aleine Austin
Temporary Staff Member
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Miss Austin:

I am glad to have your request for some additional pamphlets. A package goes out to you today.

I think we can skip the price tag.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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June 20,1946.

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta
Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In several of my classes during the recent CIO term here, I found occasion to use your organization's very excellent pamphlet on conditions in the South. Unfortunately, I have since misplaced it, and can not remember its name of price.

I would appreciate it, however, if you would send me four copies of this pamphlet, and bill me for it.

Also, if you have published your organizations report on Columbia, I would appreciate receiving four copies of it.

Fraternally yours,
Aleine Austin

Aleine Austin
Temporary Staff Member
Highlander Folk School

June 24, '46

Dear Dr. Johnson,

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, of Sherard, Mississippi, wrote me today, and among other things said she was sorry that because of a conflict of engagements she would not be able to get to the Institute of Race Relations, this year.

She asked whether it would be possible for her to receive any of the findings. I wrote her and told her I would ask you to be good enough to have her name put on the mailing list of those to receive copies of the final report of this, 1946, Institute. It would be quite worth while.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Tenn

July 2, 1946

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I could not forego sending you this weekly report from the man we have on in Texas. He is twenty-three years old.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

July 3, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I appreciate your sending me the compilation from the reports of the veterans traveling in behalf of the veterans services program. I found it encouraging, despite the ignorance and indifference uncovered, that a needed job is being done. Power to you!

The report is enclosed for your files as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-j

July 29, 1946

Rev. G. A. Thomas
269 W. Converse Street
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Rev. Thomas:

I enjoyed meeting and talking with you while in your city. I appreciate your interest in our program and in Negro veterans.

Here is the information that I promised to send for the radio program.

Please let me know if I can render any further assistance.

Sincerely,

John W. Merkerson

JWM:w

SC

July 29, 1946

Rev. Campbell
511 Hines Street
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Rev. Campbell:

I enjoyed meeting and talking with you while in your city. I appreciate your interest in our program and in Negro veterans.

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Sincerely,

John W. Merkerson

JWM:w

SC

Tenn

July 30, 1946

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here is another one that shows what our traveling veterans are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Sent Brazier's July 18 report

1027 Speed Street
Memphis, Tennessee
~~July 29~~ Aug. 7, 1946

Mr. Marcus H. Gunter
916 1st. Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gunter:

I received the article that you sent me, " Farmer-Veterans". I do think the article is very good. It has supplied me much needed information.

Any articles of this kind that you have to dispose of will be appreciated.

Yours in Agriculture
Ernest Brazzle
Ernest Brazzle, Ass't.
County Agent in Negro work

Texas

August 13, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Our field agent in Texas, Mr. Jewel M. Tatum, in his report to me on August 2nd described an interview with a Mr. Bruckman, who seems formerly to have been associated with you and is now employed in the Veterans Administration in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Tatum was directed to Mr. Bruckman routinely. Mr. Bruckman looked over the letterhead of the Council on which Tatum's letter of introduction was written. He then said that he had worked with you at Fisk for about two years on race relations committees and problems. He had also done social work in New York for a number of years. His wife is also a social worker, and they plan to return to it. She is working on her PHD in psychology and he is making preparations to take the bar examination in a few weeks. They have plans for getting together an interracial group in Texas which will among other things give legal assistance.

Mr. Bruckman was quite helpful to Mr. Tatum.

I thought perhaps you would enjoy knowing of this incident.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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August 15, 1946

The Honorable Jim Nance McCord
Governor of Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Governor:

You may possibly find time for a look at the attached survey of services to Negro veterans in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

August 15, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here are some extra copies of the Arkansas survey made by Mr. Harry Wright.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
NASHVILLE

JIM McCORD
GOVERNOR

August 16, 1946

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, and enclosure which I am referring to Mr. G. W. Steagall, Director of Veterans Affairs, for his information.

Sincerely,

Jim McCord

Tenn

August 19, 1946

Mr. Tom Ludwig
Box 5
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Tom:

Warmest Congratulations on Volume 1, Number 1, of the Tennessee Union Farmer.

There are a lot of things I would Praise it for. Maybe what I like best is the way you give the full story on each item. I believe farmers like that.

I enclose two dollars for a year's subscription.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

P.S. The masthead needs some proofreading:

".....Tennessee Farmers, Union Decherd, Tennessee." Comma should come after union instead of before.

Also, Myles Horton's name is misspelled; also, two misprints in title - Tennessee Farmers Union Organizing Committee.

I suppose you have considered whether to run or not to run a subscription price in the masthead. You know that now none is stated.

Tenn

August 20, 1946

Mr. Paul Christopher
Congress of Industrial Organizations
218 South Gay Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Here is some dope about how the colored veterans do in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

August 20, 1946

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
212½ Union Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Here is a survey on colored veterans in Arkansas which may be of interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

916 1st Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee
August 27, 1946

Dr George S Mitchell
Room 432 63 Auburn Avenue N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr Mitchell:

I visited Franklin, Tennessee, which is the County Seat of Williamson County. I called on Attorney Alexander, who is the Service Officer for the American Legion. I told him my mission. "On the Job Training," and "On the Farm Training," for Negro Veterans was discussed. I was unable to get very much information from him, it seems he has spent a considerable time organizing a Negro Post of the American Legion.

After leaving Attorney Alexander, I called on Mrs Roberson, who is the Office Manager of the U S Employment Office. She was not in her office. I had a long chat with her assistant and tried to get information from him concerning employment of Negro Veterans. Poor fellow was afraid to give out any information. Mrs Roberson returned to the office. I told her my mission. She stated that I came to the wrong place, because no discrimination was being shown against Negro Veterans. She went on to tell me the fine work her office was doing. She said that there were at least twelve Negro Veterans receiving Job Training in White establishments in Franklin. She also stated that she had personally interviewed every owner in Franklin to see if they wouldn't train Negro Veterans. There were at least two Negro Veterans receiving one hundred dollars per month compensation as self-employed in their own businesses. There are five receiving one hundred dollars per month, self-employed, on the farm.

As you know the Dortch Stove Works in located in Franklin. I asked her if she had been able to open up the Dortch Stove Works for Job Training. She told me that there are at least four-hundred veterans training there, and at least one hundred and twenty-five are Negroes. This I don't believe. I talked with a number of the citizens in Franklin, and it was their belief that there were no more than twenty-five men being trained as molders. Before the induction, there were a number of Negroes working there. The people I talked to believe a large number of them have returned and are working at Dortch Stove Works. Probably this account for Mrs Roberson giving me so large a number of Veterans receiving "On the Job Training." I plan to visit the Dortch Stove Works and find out for myself. Before

my interview with Mrs Roberson was over, we became very good friends. She spent at least two hours telling me the fine work they were doing.

I called on Mr Cleland, who is the County Agent of Williamson County. I found Mr Cleland out of town. I talked to his assistant and was told that Mr R J Parks was handling "On the Farm Training" program for Veterans. I found Mr Parks out of town also, but I was able to pick up a bit of information. There are approximately thirty veterans receiving "On the Farm Training." I was unable to find out what percentage were Negroes—if any. I will see Mr Parks around the fifth of September.

I called on Mr Thomas Patton, who is an undertaker and a member of the American Legion in Franklin. I discussed "Job Training"and "Farm Training" opportunities offered Negro Veterans. He told me that they had been unable to get very much information. I gave him all the information I had and told him, as a leading citizen, he should canvas the White establishments to see if they couldn't train more Negro Veterans. Of course, he would represent the American Legion.

I called on Dr Hudson, one of the city's leading Physicians, and he was very helpful. He introduced me to the white officials, whom I was trying to see. Through him I was able to organize the leading business men into a committee to ask the managers of businesses they buy their supplies from, to train Negro Veterans. When I met Mr Twitty, he gave me this idea.

I called on Rev H J Ewing, chairman of the Baptist Minister's Alliance. "On the Farm Training" and "On the Job Training" program were discussed. He will do everything in his power to push the program.

After leaving Rev Ewing, I called on Mr George Kinnard, who is the owner of Kinnard's Grocery. I told him what I was trying to do in Franklin. He is going to work with a committee.

I attended a meeting of the American Legion and spoke on "Job Training, Farm Training, and Institutional Training." There were approximately forty men present and I am to meet with them as soon as I am released from the hospital.

I spent two days in Springfield, Tennessee, which is the County Seat of Roberson County. I visited Prof John Patterson, Principal of Bradford High School. I told him my mission and what I was trying to do, and asked him the best way to go about it. He made the necessary contacts for me. There were five-hundred Negro Veterans from Roberson County. Mr Patterson stated that he had called the veterans together and explained to them that they should take advantage of the wonderful opportunity offered.

After leaving Mr Patterson, I called on Mr C L Fisher, who is in charge of "On the Farm Training" program for Veterans. He is the former county Superintendent of Education. He resigned this position to head the "Farm

Training Program." There are five instructors under him. He has set up his own program seemingly. He doesn't think much of Tennessee's program. There are one-hundred and thirty-eight men being trained. There are at least twenty receiving $100 per month compensation. Of the one-hundred and thirty-eight receiving training on the farm, eleven are Negroes. He feels that the reason for such a small number of Negroes taking the training is due to the lack of transportation. Most of the Negro Veterans are scattered all over the county. He is trying to work out some way to pick these men up from some point and bring them in for class-room instructions. Classes are held each evening in the week. Negroes are included in these classes, according to the section they live in. This arrangement is working out fine. There has been no friction in the classes. He is going to hire a Negro Instructor as soon as they have twenty Negro Veterans. It is my honest opinion that Mr Fisher has a fine group and is doing a good job. They have more teachers than any other county in the state. He told me Shelby County now has five instructors. I asked him had they hired any Negroes; this he didn't know.

He brought something to my mind that few people have thought of: "Where are they going to get the instructors from?" He feels that when the program starts moving, they will be unable to find enough instructors. I am going to discuss this problem with President Davis of Tennessee State College.

After leaving Mr Fisher, I called on Mr J W Woodward, who is the Commander of the American Legion. He impressed me as being a very progressive young man and will push any program to help the Negro Veterans. I talked to him about "Job Training" and "Farm Training." He tells me that a number of the men have tried to get training in the white establishments, but have been turned down. We are going to get a committee composed of American Legion members, leading Negro Citizens and if possible, two or three white progressive leaders, to try to get the White establishments to open up to Negro Veterans. Mr Woodward told me he had tried to get the names of the Negro Veterans who had returned from Selective Service, but was unable to secure the names of the men. He was told that it was against the policy of the Selective Service to give out such information. He is going to see the Commander of the White Legion Post and see if he can get it for him, so he can get in touch with the veterans to join the organization.

I called on Mr George Taylor, Chairman of the Springfield Business Men's Club. I asked him to work with the committee and open up opportunities for Job Training.

I called on Mr John Bates, who is the Veterans Service Officer and the Officer Manager of U S E S, but found both of them out. I was unable to get much information from their assistants, but I will try to see them on my next visit.

I have received all the material you have sent, and have sent out two copies of your articles, "Farmer Veterans," to all the Vocational Agriculture Instructors throughout the State of Tennessee. I have received a number of letters thanking me for the article. You will find one enclosed.

I am now confined in the Veteran's Hospital here is Nashville. The diagnosis of my illness is infectious arthritis of the spine. It seems as if the flu I had, settled in my dosal spine. Up to this time, they have been unable to find a cause of the infection. I am feeling much better and able to be up at times. I expect to be discharged very soon if I continue to improve. The reason you have not heard from me is because I have been receiving twelve shots of pencillian daily, and have not had use of my arms. I have been in the hospital for twenty days. The wards are segregated, and also the recreation halls. There are two wards for Negroes, which consist of fifty-six beds. I had a discussion with the Clinical Director, and was told that they are going to open another ward for Negroes. As of July 30th, the hospital was working on the basis of three-hundred beds. Medical care and treatment for patients are excellent for members of both races. So the segregation isn't too much for anyone to complain. All USO shows and movies are held without segregation.

I have had a wonderful opportunity to talk to veterans from all over the state. I have really filled them with my propaganda. These men will be useful in the future when I am traveling through the state.

When I am discharged from the hospital, I am going back to see Mr Passon, who is in charge of "On the Job Training" program in the State of Tennessee, and see him concerning my idea for the Regional Trade Schools for Veterans. I understand that there are two new Veteran Organizations here in the city. I will try to get the dope on them for you.

While here in the hospital, I have had chance to read, thoroughly, all the material pertaining to veterans.

You and the council have shown me every consideration during my illness. I appreciate it to the bottom of my heart. I do hope I will be able to justify the faith you have in me when I am released from the hospital, which will be around the 1st of September

You will find enclosed the last check you sent. I have been given so much time and consideration that I don't feel that I have the right to accept any salary until I am released.

I am looking forward to return to work soon.

Very truly yours,

Marcus H Gunter

Marcus H Gunter

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Agust 28, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. George S. Mitchell
From: AW

Through December 31, Mr. Marcus Gunter will have accrued 10 days sick leave.

He has been off from work twenty working days.

The check he returned to us covered the period August 1-15, eleven working days.

Since we owe him for ten days sick leave, shall we deduct one day's salary from this check, but hold up his future checks until he goes back to work?

August 29, 1946

Mr. Marcus Gunter
916 First Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gunter:

I was delighted to have your letter of August 27th with its able report and its news about you.

I have been trying to work out all this leave business. The Council customarily gives advance of sick leave.. I have sufficient budget to feel reasonably sure of continuing you with us through December 31, 1946. Total sick leave advanceable September, October, November, December is four days. Therefore, all of your back and future sick leave is nine days. Annual leave accrued as of August 31 is five days.

Five plus nine is fourteen. The pay period covered by the check that you returned (first half of August) covers eleven days. Take these eleven days from your total leave and you still have three days leave. That three days is accrued unused annual leave.

Thus you are due the check of August 15, herewith returned.

Now as to the pay period for the second half of August. Let me know right away how many days in that pay period you worked. That number of days plus the three days of leave still due you might amount to a complete pay check or it might not. If you agree, I will pay you for the last half of August for a combination of days worked plus the remaining three days of accrued leave.

Then, if you are working steadily from September 3rd forward, you would be in regular pay status. The only thing is you would not get any more sick leave until after December 31, and any days of illness would have to be deducted from future checks (unless of course they happen to equal the number of days of annual leave that you will accrue month by month).

Summary: Proper for you to cash check #569, herewith returned. Please let me know number of days worked between August 15 and August 31.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Tenn

September 4, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here is a map of the coverage of our field agents.

In each county colored on the map a visit has been made to one or more towns, and the area has been used to get word out to the right people in that county.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

September 7, 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am obliged to you for sending me the map indicating counties into which your program has been extended. Your people certainly get around.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Charles S. Johnson

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MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

Sept. 19, 1946

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George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Auburn Ave, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

Highlander is approaching the end of the first week of our fall term in Union Leadership Training. We have an unusually fine group of students.

The Steering Committee of the Student Council which meets with me as term director each day, decided last night they would like to know a little about other organizations besides the CIO (All the students are CIO members this term) which are working towards the same goals as the CIO. Organizations mentioned were the Southern Conference, YWCA Industrial Division, Anti-Defamation League, Southern Regional Council, Fellowship for Southern Churchmen, NAACP, Southern Negro Youth Congress.

Would it be possible for you to participate in such a program with these other organizations next Wednesday, Sept. 25th? (If the 25th is impossible, what about the 26th?).

I hope you will let me know right away, so other plans can be made if necessary. Everyone sends you best wishes.

As ever,

Mary

Mary Lawrance

See telegram file

Tenn

October 7, 1946

Dr. Giles Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

The man who puts out the MODERN FARMER with your name at its masthead is in the issue of September 16th up to the old clip-sheet business.

It does not seem to me right for that line of anti-public power, pro-private monopoly, anti-union propaganda to ride your name into farm homes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Fisk University

Nashville 8, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES

14 October 1946

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
Room #432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thanks for your admonition with regard to the September issue of THE MODERN FARMER. The criticism is a very just one and I am not sure just what I will do about it. I find that my administrative duties here at Fisk have increased considerably and I am also giving some time to helping develop a sound civic and political organization among Negroes here in the city. On the other hand, Mr. Boyd resists all suggestions of employing somebody to work with THE MODERN FARMER. I hate to give this up until we can find some way to get a real farm paper going, but I do not see how I can carry both things and do each of them well. They seem not to be able to find anybody in the office who can choose the right type of material for the paper. We will try to work it out some way.

If you are ever in Green or Hancock County, drop by the Log Cabin community to see my brother. He is a veteran who is trying to learn something about farming so as to be able to get the aid from the Veterans Administration in order to get established. If he succeeds, he will have the land resources of the family behind him and should have a pretty good future.

Give my very best regards to Miss Clay, Mr. Trigg and other friends on the Council staff.

Sincerely yours,

Giles A. Hubert.

GAH/mla

October 23, 1946

Miss Jean Martin
657 East Fifth Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Miss Martin:

Shelby Robert asked me to write you the names of some people who might help you in reaching some of the Negro veterans in Chattanooga.

For the moment I can't give you the names of veterans, but I can list for you some of the leading Negro citizens who to my knowledge have shown an interest in the problems of veterans.

These would be:

T. D. Upshaw, Principal
Booker T. Washington High School

R. W. Strange,
Vocational Agriculture Instructor
Hamilton County

C. B. Robinson, President
Mt. City Teachers Association

H. W. Tyler, Negro Personnel Man
TVA, Chattanooga

G. A. Key, Principal
Orchard Knob Junior High School

B. T. Scrubbs, Manager
College Hill Courts

If I can get you within the next couple of days some names of World War II veterans, I will do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

906 Lullwater Road, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

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October 29, 1946

Mrs. Rachel J. Patillo
Tennessee State College
Office of Veterans Affairs
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Patillo:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with your office yesterday. It will be a pleasure to come to Nashville to be at the college on the tenth of November.

I suppose the thing to do is to go up on the train and come back Sunday night on the train, so I should be around in the forenoon of the tenth. I contract to be there by twelve noon. If you need me earlier, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

TENNESSEE STATE COLLEGE
Office of Veterans' Affairs
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Rachel J. Patillo
Counselor

October 26 46

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans' Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Perhaps I should preface my letter by telling you who I am. I am Marcus Gunter's Aunt, and Pat and Giles Hubert's Sister. So much for my introduction.

Each year the Veterans' Club at A. and I. has sponsored Armistice Day program, on the Sunday which falls on or nearest November 11. The activities consist of a Sunday School program at 9:00 A. M. in the College Auditorium and a Fellowship Dinner at 1:30 P. M. in the College Cafeteria.

We are extending to you an invitation to be our guest speaker Nov. 10. and dinner guest on this day. Please accept and wire me collect. The office telephone number is 6-5281.

Very truly yours,

Rachel J. Patillo
(Mrs) Rachel J. Patillo

12. M.

Family Home
Mrs Patillo

RJP:dlw

October 29, 1946

Mr. Marcus H. Gunter
916 First Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gunter:

Whether by your contrivance or not, I got a letter from Mrs. Patillo asking me to be at Tennessee State for some kind of veterans club Armistice Day she-bang November 10. I said okay, I would be there.

Shall you be up and about and at home, or should I try to find you aththe Veterans Hospital? If so, where?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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October 31, 1946

Miss Catherine Winston
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Cathy:

George Mitchell is a sometime college teacher and Government official. In the Roosevelt Administration he worked on the problems of small farmers. Before that, he wrote a book on textile unionism in the South and, with Horace Cayton, got out another called "Black Workers and the New Unions".

In 1944 he became southeastern regional director for the CIO Political Action Committee. In 1945 he began work with the Southern Regional Council as director of veterans services.

I don't know whether this is what you want or not, but I hope so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

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63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George;

The committees which are raising money for Highlander in New York, Washington and other cities feel that it would be very helpful if they could tell the people whom they ask for contributions something about the background of the members of our Executive Council.

We would appreciate it if you will send us a very brief statement of your activities in the labor and progressive movement. We realize that you are extremely busy, but we hope you will have a few minutes to outline a few of your activities including your present position.

This information will be of great help to Highlander by giving prospective contributors to the school some knowledge of the people who form the policy of the school.

Highlander committees in several cities are getting underway. They need this information at the beginning of their campaigns so we hope you will be able to send it to us right away.

Enclosed is a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Winston

P.S. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the evaluation made by the students of the two-week leadership training term held September 15-29.

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
906 Lullwater Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

My Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thanks for your letter and subscription to the UNION FARMER some months ago. A busy schedule in the field and with the paper has prevented my thanking you previously.

I also received your publicity release in connection with Farmer-Veterans, and ran it in the October issue of our paper. If you have from time to time any releases of that kind, I would appreciate them, for a number of farm veterans stand in need of that kind of information.

Received also the carbon copy of a letter from you to Mr. J. A. Wilson, of Boaz, Alabama; I put him on the mailing list for our paper, but received notice from the Boaz postoffice that he had not claimed it. I presume his nephew, Mr. Bridges, did not have the correct address. I was interested in his receiving our paper, since we are doing a little organizing in northern Alabama, in connection with the Chattanooga market, and the National Office has indicated also that it may spend some organizing time in Alabama next year.

Hoping that you are receiving your newspaper, I am

Fraternally yours,

Tom Ludwig

Tom Ludwig
Box 3
Monteagle, Tenn.

FARMER - VETERANS

Your State and Federal Governments Offer On-the-Farm Training With GI Pay

By GEORGE S. MITCHELL
Director of Veterans Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

On-the-farm training provides a way for veterans of World War II to draw GI pay while learning how to farm well.

The training has to be arranged by the different states, and the GI pay, of course, comes from the Veterans Administration. Almost all of the Southern states have signed contracts with the Veterans Administration under which on-the-farm training will be set up. About thirty-five states altogether now have-on-the-farm training.

The general outlines are the same all over the country, but each state has its own special plan, and what any veteran can get depends on how the plan is worked out in his state and in his county. The idea is that the veteran will be given some teaching in classrooms at the nearest school which has an agricultural teacher and will be taught some by visits to his own and other farms, but will learn mostly by farming well himself.

CLASSROOM HOURS

Usually the veteran has to agree to take on not less than two hundred hours a year of classroom teaching. That comes to about half a day a week of going to classes. It can be lumped some into slack farming seasons. On top of that the veterans is visited where he works by a Vo-Ag Teacher, say, a couple of times a month. Also, the veteran has to be prepared to go occasionally to other people's farms for demonstrations showing new methods.

The Veterans Administration pays State Governments so much per month tuition money for each veteran who gets on-the-farm training. Usually it is around twenty-two dollars per month. The State Departments of Education use it to pay for running the program and for hiring agricultural teachers and working with the veterans.

ON-THE-FARM

In counties which go in for on-the-farm training, an advisory committee is supposed to be set up for this program. It will have something to say about picking the veterans and the farms they will train on and perhaps about payments by farmers to any trainees they take on.

A veteran receiving on-the-farm training draws his full GI pay from the Veterans Administration—sixty-five dollars a month if he is single, or ninety dollars a month if he has dependents. If he works his own place, of course he gets no wages on top of this, unless you call what he makes from his farm wages. If he works directly under a farmer, he gets wages from the farmer on top of his GI pay.

The program is well worked out and is already in use in many places for owners and renters. If a man has his own place, or has a written lease running for several years on a reasonably good full-sized farm, he can usually get on the program. He has to agree to farm plan, and if he is a renter, his landlord must agree about anything special that has to be done to the buildings or about terracing and other things to build up the land. Nobody expects that it is going to be much of a problem to get on-the-farm training going well for owners or renters. The problem comes with the veterans who need it the most—the croppers and laborers.

SHARECROPPERS

The first couple of Southern states that signed up on the program hardly let croppers or laborers have a look-in on it. But how the program can be open to some people who do not own land or rent a place. If a man works for a farmer who will agree to teach the veteran how to be a dairy farmer or a fruit farmer or a truck farmer or an all-around general farmer, or some special skill of that kind it should be possible to work out the training program for him. Under this plan the veteran signs at the Vo-Ag School for the classroom teaching just described, and then works most of the time for a farmer who teaches him the special skill.

Many officials have been slow to get this going, because they are afraid that farmers will underpay and underteach the veterans they take on. This is a real danger of course. The Veterans Administration is hiring training officers who will check up to stop abuses.

Southern agriculture needs every trained man it can get. Here is the Federal Government offering to pay the cream of our youth to learn modern farming. Every veteran interested in farming would do well to get hold of his Vo-Ag Teacher and try to get onto this plan.

Tennessee Union Farmer, Oct, 1946.

TENNESSEE A. & I. STATE COLLEGE
Office of Veterans' Affairs
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Rachel J. Patillo
Counselor

November 6 46

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

For your information, we are sending you a copy of our program. You will notice that we did not attempt to decide for you your subject for discussion, however, I thought of something along the line of better race relations. I assure you that whatever subject you discuss will be greatly appreciated.

Please send us a short biographical sketch of the life of the Dr. George Mitchell.

Very truly yours,

Rachel J. Patillo (M)
(Mrs) Rachel J. Patillo

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RJP:dlw

Tenn

November 5, 1946

Mrs. Rachel J. Patillo
Tennessee A. & I. College
Office of Veterans' Affairs
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Patillo:

I will be there all right.

I can lay some claim to being from either Virginia, North Carolina, or South Carolina. I went to Richmond College and then to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and studied in England three years.

I taught economics in the undergraduate college of Columbia University six years and then held various Government jobs, mostly in agencies working with small farmers, for nine years. I ran the CIO-PAC in the Southeast in '44-'45, and now am director of veterans services for the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

Follow Up

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October 31, 1946

Mrs. Rachel J. Patillo
Tennessee State College
Office of Veterans' Affairs
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Patillo:

Thank you for your letter of October 28.

I am coming by train and shall arrive in Nashville in plenty of time to be at the Alumni House some few minutes before 9 AM, Sunday, November 10.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

TENNESSEE STATE COLLEGE
Office of Veterans' Affairs
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Rachel J. Patillo
Counselor

October 28 46

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans' Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Doctor Mitchell:

I regret that I was not in the office when you telephoned.

I am thrilled over your acceptance of our invitation to speak November 10, 1946. The student body will assemble in the Auditorium for your address at 9:00 A. M. You will have the privilege of using as much time as you like from 9:00 to 10:00. We will send you a printed program within the next few days. Your subject is left entirely with you.

If you motor, come directly to the Alumni House on the south side of the campus and I shall be waiting for you. If you come by train or plane, I will send a car for you.

Between Sunday School and the dinner hour you may want to see Marcus, Giles, Pat and others. I'll see to it that a car will be available for your use.

Thanks very much and we shall be looking forward to seeing you Sunday, November 10th, in time for the 9:00 A. M. Program.

Very truly yours,

Rachel J. Patillo

(Mrs) Rachel J. Patillo

RJP:dlw

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November 19, 1946

Professor M. R. Eppse
Tennessee A & I College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eppse:

You asked for some veterans bulletins.

Here is an assortment. More, if you need them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

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November 20, 1946

George Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N E
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

I hope you can do something about the enclosed letter. Torrey was formerly at Swannee and was a very close friend of the school.

I hope to see you at the New Orleans meeting of the Southern Conference.

Cordially

Myles Horton

[Tenn]

December 17, 1946

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Yes, indeed, I heartily approve the nomination of all those listed in your letter of December 12 for membership on the Board. I have it on my calendar and I expect to be there.

Also I intend to be at Highlander December 28 and 29. I will try to write you tomorrow about whether I bring any of my family with me or not. If I bring the family, I will ask you to try to reserve me space at the Monteagle Hotel, where the Mitchells could spread out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

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CHARLES WILSON
CIO Representative

December 12, 1946

George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave, N E
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

The January 31 executive council meeting will be the most important in the history of Highlander. A number of matters must be acted upon. It is important that allthe board members who can possibly do so , attend the meeting.

Since our program has expanded into the field of rural education and consequently has enlisted the support of people in organizations heretofore only casually interested in Highlander, we feel tha that a place should be made for these friends of the executive council.

The staff would like to nominate the people listed, and have the nominations acted upon immediately by mail, so that they can be present at the meeting. We suggest that the proceedings used at the last board meeting be followed and that we do not consider that the nominees have been elected unless they agree to serve.

All the people that we have nominated except Mrs. Grace Hamilton and Mrs M E Tilly have actively supported the schools work with the Farmers Union during the past year. Grace Hamilton is a long time friend of Highlander and one of the Negro leaders in Atlanta. Mrs. Tilly's work as a methodist leader is well known.

Please send in your vote immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Myles Horton

Myles Horton

Tom White , Sec.
Tenn. Legislative Com. of Brotherhood of
Railroad Trainmen
Lexington, Tenn.

Steve Pava, Chairman
Tenn. Legislative Committee, B R T
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Dec. 23, 1946

Dear George;

Sunday Feb. 16 thru Friday 21 we will be holding our first Farmers Union session at Highlander. Please make a note of the dates and plan to spend the week with us if possible. We want you to help with the classes.

Will discuss it in more detail at the reunion.

Myles

December 27, 1946

Mr. Tom Ludwig
P. O. Box 3
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Tom:

I do not know what you want for the ad, but here is what I wrote.

I expect to be at Highlander tomorrow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:w

It is a safe bet that farm prosperity is going to be more and more bound up with management of nationwide price, production, and marketing programs. At present over the South the smaller farmers are not organized to play their due part in the making of these policies. Yet they cannot have security and good living on the land unless they speak up.

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

TENNESSEE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

HOMER CRABTREE, Secretary

DECHERD, TENN.

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Our Farmers Union here is sponsoring a one-week term or school for Tennessee union leaders during the week Feb. 16-21.

In advertisement of this school, I intend to run a full page advertisment in THE UNION FARMER. In such a display I would certainly appreciate a short, succinct statement by you saying something about the importance of education, the need for it, its benefits, or anything along that line. In the adv there will be two or three other quotes, one from the state president, one from the state secretary, one from an East Tennessee leader, and one from you.

We all up here appreciate your interest in our movement, and are very glad to hear from you any time you have time. We appreciate the fine work you are doing with SRC.

Sincerely, Tom Ludwig, Box 3, Monteagle, Tenn

RESIDENT PROGRAM (Leadership Training Sessions at Highlander)

American Federation of Hosiery Workers, CIO - Institutes
April 13-14; June 30-July 6; October 26-27

Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers, CIO - Training Session - April 21-27

Third Annual Southern CIO Session - May 6 - June 2

Labor Journalism Institute - July 28 - August 3

Highlander General Session - September 15-29

Resident sessions at Highlander give intensified training to local union leaders over a period of from one to four weeks. A seminar at the beginning of each session brings out the problems the students face in their local unions. A steering committee elected by the students works with the staff throughout the sessions to see that all these problems are covered effectively in discussions and classes.

Techniques of developing a local union program are handled in such courses as parliamentary law, public speaking, labor journalism, how to make a handbill, public relations, political action, legislation, steward training. Labor history and economics and current events broaden the students' understanding of the background and role of the labor movement in bringing about a world of freedom and well-being for all.

Film-strips, movies, impromptu skits, panel discussions, union Information Please and singing not only present the facts brought out in class in a graphic and stimulating manner, but introduce the students to techniques they can use to pep up their own meetings.

A typical resident session is described fully in the February 1947 issue of the Highlander Fling.

Tolerance and an understanding of the importance of the unity of all workers is developed through working and studying with members of other races, since the educational program is interracial.

FIELD PROGRAM

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Twice a month two-hour educational sessions conducted under the auspices of the Chattanooga CIO Council by Highlander Folk School for all CIO members in that area. The average attendance was between thirty and thirty-five. The first hour was a practice session in parliamentary law and public speaking. The second hour was devoted to discussion of current legislation and events. Special programs were held from time to time. At one of the meetings film-strips on shop steward training and seniority problems, produced by the UAW-CIO were used as the basis for discussion. "Native Land " was shown at one session with a discussion on the violation of civil liberties following. Mary Lawrance conducted the Chattanooga program.

Bill Elkuss held a series of discussion for Negro business and professional leaders in Chattanooga on Labor and Veterans.

Nashville, Tennessee

Catherine Winston conducted a series of sessions, twice a month, for stewards and members of United Chemical Workers, CIO, Local 193, an amalgamated local. Former students of resident sessions made the arrangements. Average attendance was from 20 to 40. Subjects were shop steward training and contract analysis. Special sessions were held on political action and labor legislation preceding the 1947 session of the Tennessee General Assembly. The UAW-CIO film strips on steward training and seniority were shown and the film-strip "Man in the Cage" served as a basis for discussion of discrimination.

Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee

Soon after the race riots in Columbia early in 1946, the representative of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers asked Highlander to conduct a series of classes for their six local unions in that area on CIO Non-Discrimination Policy and the job protection provided in their contract for all members. The Union has 4 locals in Mt. Pleasant (10 miles from Columbia), 1 local in Columbia and 1 in Pulaski. All locals sent students to the educational programs held twice a month by Mary Lawrance. Other staff members helped with music and singing. Since the chief industry in the area is phosphate mining, the Union represents a large proportion of the working population. Those attending (average of 70) were leaders in their local unions and in a position to influence other members.

Thomasville, N. C.

A three-day institute was conducted by Mary Lawrance for the United Furniture Workers - CIO at Thomasville, N. C., April 26-28. The Union had won an election at one of the largest furniture plants in the South by an outstanding vote. A two-hour session was held each day: first day, steward training and union building; second day, contract negotiations and political action; third day, steward training.

45 attended the opening session; 25 were regular attenders at the other sessions. Those attending requested a similar session of one week to be held in the future.

Houston, Texas

Bill Elkuss and Mary Lawrance taught at a one-day school held by the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers in Houston November 16. The group was divided into half English-speaking and half Spanish-speaking. With the skillful use of an interpretor, the teachers had discussions going in two languages. Illustrations and diagrams on the blackboard were valuable in developing group participation. The local union asked the Highlander to hold a one-week session in Houston in the spring of 1947.

Tri-State Mining District - Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas

A training institute was held December 5-15 at the request of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers in the Tri-State lead and zinc mining area of Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. The Union and Highlander cooperated in planning the program and teaching. Subjects taught were Building the Union and Steward Training; Union Policy and Program; Labor History; Labor Law; Political Action and Parliamentary Law. Bill Elkuss, Mary Lawrance and Catherine Winston were the Highlander staff members who taught.

Average attendance was 70, with 45 receiving certificates for attending 7 out of the 9 sessions.

The institute was significant in that the majority of the students were from mines and mills which had just been organized after a ten-year struggle for union recognition. In fact, a contract was signed with the largest operator in the district the day the school opened. Therefore, many of the shop stewards and officers who attended had had no experience or previous training for their jobs.

Members of the United Rubber Workers of America and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers also attended the institute.

Memphis, Tennessee

Garvin Crawford, student at the September resident term, on his return to Local 186, United Rubber Workers, was elected chairman of the Education Committee. He began an educational program for the stewards and members which is held twice a month. Zilphia and Myles Horton were invited to a recent class by the local to lead singing and teach leadership training. Over 100 attended the class, about 60 of whom were stewards.

FILMS

A new phase of Highlander's field program centers around the film library which is being built up. A 16-mm movie projector was given to the School and a strip-film projector has been purchased. Highlander has purchased "The Saga of 666" and "Svenson's Seniority", two UAW-CIO strip-films on steward training; "Man in the Cage", a strip-film on bigotry and discrimination; "Native Land," 16 mm movie on civil rights; "Up and Atom", strip-film.

In addition to use during resident sessions and in classes in the field and in Farmers Union organizational and educational meetings, the projectors and films are available for use by local unions and other organizations. The school has been asked to show films and lead discussions for a number of local unions in nearby cities during the year.

FARMERS UNION

During the past twelve months the Tennessee Farmers Union has grown from two to seventeen locals. Organizations have been established in eleven counties and there are members at large in 26 counties. Six Farmers Union cooperatives have been organized and others are in the process of organization.

A Tennessee Farmers Union Organizing Committee composed of representatives from all parts of the state was set up. The committee members are: A. C. Lange, President; R. G. Price; J. J. King, Jr.; E. B. Reid; Rev. Eugene Smithers; Myles Horton; Director of Organization; and Homer Crabtree, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Tennessee Union Farmer, an eight-page paper, is published monthly. Farmer-Labor unity is stressed in each issue. 5000 copies were mailed through the state prior to the primary elections. Six state Farmers Union leaders contribute regular columns and exert an influence among unorganized as well as organized farmers. The Tennessee Union Farmer, edited by ex-GI Tom Ludwig of the Highlander staff, has received national recognition.

One South-wide and three regional and county Farmer-Labor conferences have been held. The first resolution from the South condemning President Truman for his treatment of the railroad workers came from the South-wide conference which was held at the Highlander Folk School.

During the past year an open letter in support of the Farmers Union was signed by 24 Tennessee ministers. Considerable favorable publicity has also been received from the state press.

Six Tennessee delegates attended the National Farmers Union convention in Topeka, Kansas. A study of cooperatives in Oklahoma was made on the return trip.

Greene County

A majority of the members in upper East Tennessee are Greene County milk producers who sell to the Pet Milk Co. in Greeneville. All the members belong to the East Tennessee Cooperative Dairy Association which represents the producers in dealings with the Pet Milk Co. A majority of the 300 or more families are members of the Greene County local. The remainder belong to the Kidwell local.

The Greene County organization maintains an office and has three organizers (one full- and two part-time). With the cooperation of the organized workers in the plant, injustices are being minimized. The farmers are no longer being cheated on tests and weights. As a result of the activities of the Greene County farmers, the milk producers in neighboring counties have asked for assistance in organizing.

J. J. King, Jr., a political leader and the secretary of the county Farmers Union, was recently elected to the county court. King is leading the fight for higher salaries for teachers and is vigorously opposing the sales tax.

Carroll County

The Carroll County membership in West Tennessee is approximately that of Greene County. There are five locals and a County Farmers Union made up of delegates from each of the locals. The locals are at Cannon, Concord, Bethel, Hickory Flat and Huntington (a number of Benton county farmers belong to Carroll county locals.)

The County Farmers Union operates a cooperative feed mill and has plans for a cooperative cream station and warehouse.

A. C. Lange, County Farmers Union president, devotes most of his time to organizational work. Lange was a union miner before taking up farming 20 years ago.

Henderson County

During the past two months organizational activities have been carried on in Henderson County, which adjoins Carroll. Despite bitter opposition from the Farm Bureau and anti-labor business interests, a local has been organized at Parkers Cross Roads. Both Tom White and his wife, a member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, have been very helpful and the prospects for organizing the county look good. White also assisted with the organization of Carroll County.

Grundy County

There is a small local in Grundy, a non-agricultural mountain county. The members have a cooperative cannery and a sewing co-op. Like the other locals throughout the state, the Farmers Union members are active politically. This year a pro-labor slate of county officers was elected, including a union miner as sheriff. In cooperation with the United Mine Workers, the farmers also carried the county for every labor-backed candidate for state and federal office.

Franklin County

Franklin County farmers in Middle Tennessee belong to one large local. They had a setback recently when the railroad company withdrew its offer to lease the Farmers Union land for a feed and seed warehouse. They now operate a potato buying and selling cooperative but desire a building of their own. All parts of the county are represented by Farmers Union members and members of the potato cooperative.

Homer Crabtree, secretary of the Franklin County local and of the state organization, is an ardent exponent of Farmer-Labor unity and ably presents his views in his regular Tennessee Union Farmer column and in letters to the daily papers.

Chattanooga Tri-State Area

The Chattanooga area includes Hamilton and Rhea Counties in Tennessee; Catoosa and Dade Counties in Alabama; and Jackson County, Alabama.

The membership is built around the Farmers Union Cooperative Market in Chattanooga, owned and operated by the Tri-State farmers. There is an overall Tri-State local and locals at Sales Creek, Soddy, Flattop, Tennessee; Flat Rock, Alabama; and Trenton and Ringgold, Georgia.

The Farmers Union Market was given full support by the labor unions in Chattanooga. AFL and CIO unions contributed, and the Chattanooga Labor World (official AFL paper) joined with the Chattanooga Times in supporting the farmers in their demands for a cooperative curb market. In an effort to stop the establishment of a cooperative market, the privately-owned farmers market spent an estimated $30,000 on improvements.

Membership at large

A majority of the members of the Tennessee Farmers Union are in 17 locals listed but members at large are scattered from the Mississippi River on the western border to the Smokey Mountains in the East. Their memberships came in as a result of the paper or a letter, which indicates that they are genuinely interested. Such members, if organizers are available, could be used as the basis of locals and county organizations.

The last report showed over a thousand members and new members are coming in every week. However, the effort during the past year has not gone into building a big membership. Instead, we have tried to establish locals and cooperatives. The groundwork has been laid by the organizational work and by the educational job the paper has done.

CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

CIO Education Conference, Chapel Hill, N. C. May 3-4 -- Zilphia Horton led singing and participated in a panel discussion on "Education Techniques."

YWCA, National Convention, Atlantic City, N. J. April -- Zilphia Horton in charge of music for the Industrial Division.

YWCA, Southeastern Industrial Division Conference, Hendersonville, N. C. June 9-16 -- Zilphia Horton in charge of music.

YWCA, Business and Industrial Girls West Central Conference, July 13-21 St. Louis, Missouri - Zilphia Horton in charge of music.

Adult and Community Education Camp, Quebec, Canada - sponsored by McGill University -- Zilphia Horton in charge of music; Ermon Johnson helped with visual aids - August 25-Sept. 2.

National Farmers Union Convention, Topeka, Kansas - March 3-7 -- Tom Ludwig, Chairman of Panel on Farmers Union Veterans.

Southern Negro Youth Congress Leadership Institute, Irmo, S. C., Aug. 5-18 Mary Lawrance and Bill Elkuss taught classes in parliamentary law, farmers and veterans organizations and current events.

CIO Education Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, April, Aleine Austin spoke on resident sessions.

CIO Education Conference, Houston, Texas , Sept. 6-8. Mary Lawrance led demonstration classes on union building and contract study.

Georgia CIO Convention, September 20-22 -- Georgia Highlander Committee sponsored an educational program at the Georgia CIO Convention. Mary Lawrance was one of the three teachers, leading a discussion on the job of the shop steward, using the film strips "Saga of 666" and "Svenson's Seniority."

Conference of Progressives - September 28-29 - Myles Horton attended. Chicago, Ill.

Southern Rural Health Conference - Chattanooga, Tenn. June 25-27 - Myles Horton.

Religion and Labor Conference - Nashville, Tenn. April - Myles Horton.

Southern Conference for Human Welfare -- New Orleans, La. - November. Myles Horton served as advisor to panel.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The teacher of the one-room Summerfield grammar school asked the Highlander community worker, Betty Ludwig, to show movies at the school twice a month. Walt Disney cartoons on germs, sanitation, water were among those shown. The community worker also taught Sunday School and worked with the Summerfield Improvement Club (PTA) and the Summerfield Co-op.

The Canning Co-op built an outdoor furnace and canned food during the summer for the members.

The Co-op and the young people of the community gave a Christmas party for the community children. For several weeks before the party the young people met in the afternoon and evening after school and repaired and painted toys, made blocks, etc.

The young people of the community have organized themselves into a recreational group which sets up committees to run various functions, such as square dances, squirrel suppers, hayrides, outdoor picnics and hikes.

A mimeographed bi-monthly community paper was published, edited by the community worker, with contributions from the members of the community.

COPY

Chattanooga Public Schools

Chattanooga 3, Tenn.

January 2, 1947

Mr. Willis V. Johnson, Commander
Givens Freeman Davis Post No. 171
The American Legion
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am acknowledging your letter of January 1, 1947, received this morning and will agree with you at once that the Veterans Training Program for Negroes is extremely inadequate. Perhaps you can help us overcome the obstacle which thus far has prevented an expansion of this program to meet the needs for you are exactly correct in thinking that we do have the money available for this work.

The obstacle which thus far has been insurmountable has been the question of finding floor space at which to establish training classes. We have combed the town seeking to rent a building for we have funds for the purpose too and we have been moving heaven and earth in trying to get surplus building from military establishments. At one time this past fall the Board of Education met in a special session just for the purpose of expediting our papers seeking these surplus building which seem to us to offer the best hope at the time. We have written and wired our congressman who has helped us most generously and finally it appeared that we could get some of the wooden buildings such as the University of Chattanooga was allotted for temporary expansion purposes but our local fire marshall has ruled that these wooden buildings cannot be used for that purpose. We have renewed our efforts seeking to secure metal type building.

Of course, the quickest and best solution of the problem would be if we could locate property here in the city which could be rented and which would be suitable. Perhaps your organization can hel us in that regard. If you have any ideas by all means advise me and Mr. Frank Huffaker, Director of Vocational Education.

As the situation stands we have gone the second mile in our auto mechanics shop by restricting our high school program one half day, andaction which we are not expected to take in providing for veterans' training. Our activity in the field of veterans' training is purely a public service and we sincerely desire to renderthis service in the most effective way possible. We have even thought of using the present auto shop location and certain quarters at Howard High School for late afternoon and evening classes but our experience has discouraged us as to the attendance of veterans in this work. It is very difficult to get many of them to attend day time classes regularly and that is why we have been discouraged in the prospect of instituting late afternoon and eveing

classes.

We have been concerned about this problem for a long time and we have engaged ourselves repeatedly though fruitlessly in the attempt to overcome the one handicap which stands in our way and that is deproviding physical quarters and that is why I say for you to take this interest is most heartening for it may be that you, through the efforts of your organization, will enable us to succeed whereas heretofore we have failed.

Thanking your for your letter and for the encouragement you have given us and with best wishes for the success of our combined efforts, I am

Yours very truly,

L. G. Derthick,
Superintendent of City Schools

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As the situation stands we have gone the second mile in our auto mechanics shop by restricting our high school program one half day, an action which we are not expected to take in providing for veterans' training. Our activity in the field of veterans' training is purely a public service and we sincerely desire to render this service in the most effective way possible. We have even thought of using the present auto shop location and certain quarters at Howard High School for late afternoon and evening classes but our experience has discouraged us as to the attendance of veterans in this work. It is very difficult to get many of them to attend day time classed regularly and that is why

we have been discouraged in the prospect of instituting late afternoon and evening classes.

We have been concerned about this problem for a long time and we have engaged ourselves repeatedly though fruitlessly in the attempt to overcome the one handicap which stands in our way and that is of providing physical quarters and that is why I say for you to take this interest is most heartening for it may be that you, through the efforts of your organization, will enable us to succeed whereas heretofore we have failed.

Thanking you for your letter and for the encouragement you have given us and with best wishes for the success of our combined efforts I am

Yours very truly,

L. G. Derthick,
Superintendent of City Schools

LGD:rl

cc: Mr. J. D. Burkhalter
Mr. Frank Huffaker

Tennessee

January 1, 1947

Mr. L. C. Derthick
Supt. City Schools
413 East 8th St.
City 3

In Re: Veterans' Vocational Training

Dear Sir:

It has been felt that the Vocation Training Program for veterans of this area is miserably inadequate both as to diversity of courses offered as well as available facilities for the auto-mechanic course presently offered. This feeling has been further heightened after studying the analysis of a survey we made in December 1946, in which we found that several hundred veterans indicated their desire to take training in courses, as follows:

Welding	Molding
Blacksmithing	Brick Masonry
Carpentry	Mechine Shop Practice
Plastering	Paper Hanging
Plumbering	Tin-Smithing
Electricity	Electronics

These men realize that unless they receive sufficient training, and develop skills in crafts like those mentioned above they will not be able to successfully solve there employment problem in the not too distant future.

It is my information that federal appropriation has been made and are available now just for this purpose. I have personally visited the schools in Memphis and Nashville and both of which are far in advance of the situation that prevails here. With these facts in hand, these Negro Veterans join me in asking that there be provided a vocation training school to meet the urgent training needs of veterans of this area. I should also like to know if there has been any planning along these lines or

Continued:
Mr. L. G. Derthick
Supt. City Schools
413 E. 8th St.
City 3

any contemplated steps in this direction.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly

Willis V. Johnson, Commander
720 E. 9th St
Ph 6-6955

WVJ/dsm

CC to: Mr. J. D. Burkhalter
Volunteer Building
City 2

January 7, 1947

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I got the wire about the Chattanooga meeting the evening of the 30th of January and the Board Meeting January 31st. I will plan to be there for both.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

January 8, 1947

Mr. L. H. Holtom
Minglewood Farm
Chapel Hill, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Holtom:

I was in Slack's office in Raleigh day before yesterday and picked up news of you and was shown the circular about your new farm.

My mouth watered when I read that about the "country ham".

Someday in God's grace, you will find me begging at your doorstep. With every good wish.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

January 8, 1947

Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In trying to make certain that General Bradley himself read our surveys on services to Negro veterans in the several Southern States, I wrote rather earnestly on the matter to two of the General's Subordinates.

The attached was received in reply. The original is entirely in General Bradley's handwriting.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

Enclosure: (1)

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

January 13, 1947

Dear George:

We are glad you are planning to be at the Highlander Executive Council meeting on January 31 and at the joint meeting of the Highlander Council with the committee from the Tennessee CIO Executive Board on Thursday evening, January 30 at 7 p.m.

Both meetings will be held in the Hosiery Workers Hall, Ferger Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Catherine Winston

January 13, 1947

Mr. Giles Hubert
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Giles:

In the December issue of THE MODERN FARMER (enclosed), I have marked seven articles that are obviously "plants".

These seven are respectively plugs for: private medicine, retail store corporations, twice, "put labor in its place", the coal operators, twice, and chain stores.

It still sets my teeth on edge for you to be the editor of a magazine handing out such stuff.

Sincerely,
your friend,
George S. Mitchell

GSM/lg

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January 23, 1947

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for sending me a copy of General Bradley's reply concerning the summary on services to Negro veterans in Oklahoma. I would say it is encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

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Charles S. Johnson

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

January 24, 1947

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Mr. George Mitchell
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63 Auburn Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Geroge:

Enclosed is a copy of Highlander's annual report of activities for the year 1946. I am also enclosing a summary of the 1946 financial report.

We wish to stress again the importance of the meeting of the Highlander Executive Council on Friday, January 31, 1947, in the Hosiery Workers Hall in the Ferger Building, Chattanooga, beginning at 9 a.m. We also want to remind you that there will be a meeting of the Council with a committee from the Tennessee CIO Executive Board, also to be held in the Ferger Building, beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday, January 30.

We realize that other obligations will make it impossible for some of you to attend, but we urge all Council members who can possibly do so, to attend the meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Myles Horton

Myles Horton

Jean

January 28, 1947

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I received today a final weekly report from Mr. Marcus Gunter who as you know has been our Field Agent in Tennessee. I have released him effective January 15th.

Here is most of page 4 from the letter:

On my return to Nashville, I called on my friend Mr. Fasson, State Veterans Education Approving Officer. As soon as I hit the door, he said, "Gunter, how many schools do you have for me to approve today?" He said I really stir up veterans in Tennessee. He will do anything I ask. On a number of problems confronting Negro veterans, he always asks my advice. I told him what I had found on my trip, and he in turn told me what he has done. He hasn't failed to approve any school I recommended.

I am proud of the Legion in Chattanooga; the project in Chattanooga is my <u>pet</u>. I have just left there. Mr. Johnson, of the Legion, received a reply from the superintendent of the city schools. I am enclosing a copy of the letter. I met with the Legion and the Business Men's Club on the 13th. It was decided that we would try to find a building for the trade school. Thursday morning Mr. Johnson and I toured Chattanooga. We found a condemned city school two blocks from the white ball park. We inspected the building and found it to be in pretty good shape. One thousand dollars or $1,500 would put the building in excellent condition. They had a fire four or five years back. The floor space is 300 by 300 with two stories. It is perfect for four shops. The building is in a Negro district and two blocks from the car line and bus line. We are certain that the city will use the building for a trade school. Yes! Chattanooga is moving.

Spent the 15th in Knoxville. I talked with Prof. T. R. Davis, principal of Austin High, Mr. R. Porter, commander of the American Legion, and Rev. H. L. Simons, from the N.A.A.C.P. The American Legions are starting their survey Monday. They were able to secure the names of the returned veterans after getting the run-around. Here's how it was accomplished. They asked the Draft Boards to give them a list of the Negroes who have returned. The answer was, "We have no way of separating the files or we would have to go through each file and pick out the Negroes, which would take a long time. The Legion hired two Negro girls to do this job. After finding the Legion would not be put off, a number of the Draft Board employees went through their files themselves to keep Negro girls out of the office.

There are 1,400 returned veterans in Knox County. Each man will receive a questionnaire. The Legion, the N.A.A.C.P. and the business men are behind this project. I sincerely hope we have as much luck in Knoxville as we had in Chattanooga.

Gunter told me today over the 'phone that he has been offered by the Veterans Administration a job as Training Facilities Officer for VA in Tennessee and should he take it? You can imagine my advice.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

CC: Mr. H. E. Embree
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4901 Ellis Ave.,
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The American Legion

GIVENS FREEMAN DAVIS POST No. 171

Chattanooga, Tennessee

February 1, 1947

Mr. Marcus H. Gunter
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432-63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Gunter:

In reply to your request of your letter of the 30th., we are enclosing a duplicate copy of the letter mentioned.

Commissioner McIntuff in a recent conference pledged his full support in aiding us to secure adaquate space for the school. At the same time he granted us permission to use the old school building. We then had an estimate made on the cost of repairs and found it to be around $9,000 to put the building in shape for occupancy. We put the proposition straight to Mr. Derthick, who informed us that the cost was prohibitive. So it seems that the idea of that school building falls through.

We are now working toward finding another building and renting it for our purposes. There have been no positive developments to this date. It appears to me that we need not expect any real progress in the near future. However, I shall constantly keep you informed on current developments.

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

William V. Johnson
Post Commander
750 E. 9th St.
Chattanooga 3, Tenn.

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Mr George S Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta Ga

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is to acknowledge your letter to Myles, who is out of town at the moment.

Yes, so far as I know, your arrival by 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20th, will be excellent. We are hoping, however, that on Friday you can stay over for the final banquet program, around 1:30 to 3 p.m., instead of leaving at noon, as you indicate.

Looking forward to your arrival,

Fraternally,

Tom Ludwig

February 4, 1947

Mr. Myles Horton
Hilander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I read in the New Republic for October 1946 page 451 about the Toronto Star Weekly which appears to be a CCF paper. A much valued feature is the rural comics.

Have you any talent at Hilander which could contribute a farmer comic strip? Hilander could make a lot of money by syndicating such a thing.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

February 4, 1947

Mr. Myles Horton
Hilander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I took the liberty of writing John Bunyan at Pembroke, N.C. inviting him to come or send two or three delegates from the Robeson Local of the Farmers Union to your Farmers Union School.

I don't know whetsher they can send anybody or not but if somebody Indian turns up I did it.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

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Feb. 5, 1947

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Room #32 63 Auburn Ave, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir,

My report is being typed now, you should receive it by the Feb. 8,

A good job was done in Shelbyville. The dope on Memphis is included in my report.

Yours very truly
Marcus

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CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

February 5, 1947

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for the information about Mr. Marcus Gunter. He seems to have done an excellent job. I shall follow his work as Training Facilities Officer for the Veterans Administration in Tennessee with keen interest.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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February 6, 1947

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432 Auburn Avenue N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I arrived in Shelbyville, Tennessee, Tuesday, and immediately had a conference with Prof. Sydney Harris to see just what the situation was there. Here is what happened. There were five classes of "On the Farm Training" for whites, and none for Negroes. And the Negro Citizens had become quite alarmed. Back in May when I visited Shelbyville, I urged all the people to push "On the Farm Training." They asked Prof. Harris to get in touch with me.

The first person we contacted was Mr. Shoffner, who is the supervisor of "On the Farm Training" for Bedford County. We found he and his assistants to be very nice "chaps." We discussed the program at length. I asked him why there was no program for Negroes while five classes were going for whites. He admitted that they hadn't pushed the program as it should have been. He told us what the white instructors were receiving, and asked us if we knew where we could find an instructor. The reply was yes. His support was pledged.

After leaving Mr. Shoffner, we called on the County Superintendent of Schools, a Mr. Gore, who told us to go ahead and he would back us a hundred per cent. Here is one good feature; they have no Negro Vocational Agriculture Teacher in the County, which means, a Negro will be paid the same as whites.

I went to the U.S.E.S Office and had a conference with Mrs. Black, the office manager. She remembered me from my last visit and had told several people I was one of the finest colored boys she had ever met. I secured from her the names of all

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the Negro Veterans who had written in for "On the Farm Training." Eight of these men were contacted and I found that they had enough units to get in training.

Mr. Gore and Mr. Shoffner told us twelve men would be enough to get a program started.

After leaving Mrs. Black, Mr. Harris and I went to the draft board and secured the names of all returned veterans from Bedford County. We visited as many as we could who lived in Unionville, Watrace, Belle Buckle, and on Routes. And talked them into signing up for the program. We found a few men who really understood the program. Friday and Saturday, I sent a letter to every man I didn't see and asked them to meet at the high school Monday night, February 10. One thing for sure, we can't fail because the County Officials are with us one hundred per cent.

In Pulaski, Tennessee, there are two classes for "On the Farm Training," for Negroes.

I arrived in Memphis late Saturday night. Sunday I started to visiting people to get all the information I could about the Griggs Business School, and Rankins School of Photography. Mrs. Griggs has been operating a school for some time and has turned out some good people. However, she will not be able to take more than thirty-eight and do a good job.

I couldn't find out very much about Rankins, because it seems he is not very well known in Memphis. The Director of the Urban League in Memphis feels that only one man is capable of giving adequate training to veterans. His name is Hooks. I believe I can talk him in to starting a school.

Upon my return to Nashville, I saw Mr. Passons and gave him my report. He is going to Memphis to get the Griggs Business School started. I was told by Mr. Passon that seven other schools are ready to start in West Tennessee.

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The Veteram Training School at Pearl High School got off to a good start Monday night. There are 156 men enrolled. The classes are from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. If you know of any man who is an expert in sheet metal, have him to get in touch with me. His starting salary will be two hundred and fifty dollars per month. All I want is a good man.

While in Memphis, I ran into a Professor of one of the High Schools. He diin't care to be quoted, but told me that in some places in West Tennessee, they were paying the regular Vocational Agriculture Teachers $25 extra to teach Business which means the counties are using the money for some other classes. This man is very well known and it might be some truth in what he told us.

You will find enclosed two letters.

Very truly yours,

Marcus H Gunter

Marcus H. Gunter

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to MHG by phone. 12-5-47.

February 10, 1947

Mr. Hollis Price
President, Lemoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Price:

Here are two copies of stories I have done on problems of Negro veterans in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Hope that you will find an opportunity to read them.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Wright

(One of your old Tuskegee students)

February 10, 1947

Mr. Marcus Gunter
916 First Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gunter:

I am completing a directory of veterans organizations that Mr. Bohannon of our office started some time ago.

Dr. Mitchell suggested that you would give me some assistance in assembling this data.

Please send me the information requested in the enclosed outline. I am anxious to receive this information back in this office by February 18, 1947.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BLW/lg

Harry L. Wright

Enclosure: (1)

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February 24, 1947

Mr. T. E. Roberson
RFD #1, Box 119
Soddy, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Roberson:

I enjoyed our talks the other day.

Here are some of our pamphlets about Negro veterans.

Please read particularly the one about Vocational Schools for Veterans.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

Enclosures:

March 10, 1947

The Modern Farmer
C/o Henry Allen Boyd
403 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville 3, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Boyd:

I have been for several years a subscriber to The Modern Farmer.

Repeatedly, I have protested to Mr. Giles Rubert the inclusion in the paper of quantities of material evidently clipped from some sheet or sheets of propaganda which in my judgment is undemocratic and calculated to injure rather than to aid the needy and ambitious farm families whom I had supposed your paper set out to help.

Thus, the issue for February 15, 1947 contains by my count not less than 17 such items. I do not know where they come from but their main burden is private power versus cooperative and public and municipal power, private-profit retail business versus cooperatives and resistance to organized labor.

I do not wish to be a subscriber to the paper any longer.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

CC: Mr. Giles A. Rubert
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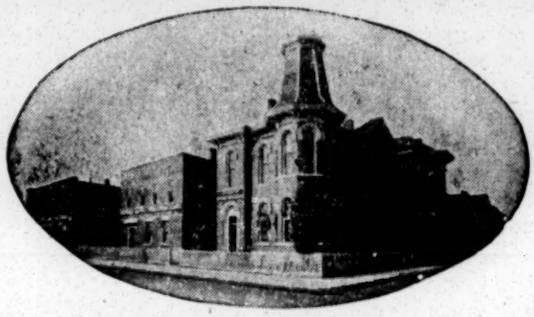

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter, a copy of which has already been sent to Mr. Giles A. Hurbert at Fisk University. It was not our interest as publishers of the Modern Farmer to do any violence to the readers of this farm journal, by using the matter that was sent to us from time to time by the farm bureau and the Agriculture Department in Washington.

I judge from your letter that you wish that your name be taken off the mailing list and the subscription books. I shall have to obey your order.

Yours truly,

Henry A. Boyd

HENRY A. BOYD
SECRETARY

HAB:mdc

March 20, 1947

Miss Catherine Winston
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Cathy:

I can come up to Nashville for the afternoon of Saturday, March 29th, although it is quite inconvenient for me to do so. If developments should make it not necessary for me to be there, I hope you will let me know.

Otherwise I will get to the meeting.

Sincerely,

GSM/lg

George S. Mitchell

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

March 17, 1947

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Mr. George Mitchell
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Dear George:

We have been notified by Matt Lynch, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee CIO Council, that the CIO Committee which appeared before the Highlander Executive Council will make its report to the Tennessee CIO Executive Board at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29. The meeting will be held at 400 Exchange Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

You will recall that you were elected as an alternate members of the committee from the Highlander Council to meet with the Tennessee Executive Board at that time. Lucy Mason has just written us that she will not be able to make the meeting because she has engagements in Virginia. We hope very much that you will be able to attend.

The other members of the committee are: William H. Crawford, Lewis Jones and Myles Horton.

Sincerely,

Catherine

Catherine Winston